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## SALVATION ARMY LEADERSHIP

### THE DECISION

#### HIGH COUNCIL TO SEE THE GENERAL SENSATION CREATED

London, Yesterday.  
Without a dissentient vote the High Council of the Salvation Army to-day decided to ask General Booth to retire from the leadership of the Army.

Seven members of the Council will see the General in his sick room at Southwold, in Suffolk, and convey to him the decision of the Council contained in the following resolution:

"That the Council places on record its high appreciation of the life and labours of the General and joins with him in gratitude to God for his partial restoration to health and expresses the hope that this improvement may be maintained. The Council is, however, unable to see the practicability of the suggestion made by the General that a council of five should be appointed to act until he is well again and realises that it is most unlikely that at the General's advanced age he can ever recover sufficiently again to take up the burdens under which he has collapsed. It, therefore, takes the opportunity of requesting him to co-operate with the Council in securing the future welfare of the Army and to that end resolves that the General, being as his doctors declare, capable of considering important questions and giving decisions, the president, vice-president, and five members of High Council be deputed to see the General and suggest that he should now retire from office, retaining his title of General and continuing to enjoy honours and dignities attaching thereto."

#### The Head

General Bramwell Booth has been head of Salvation Army since 1912. He was the oldest son of the late General William Booth, the founder of the Army and was nominated by the old General as his successor. The living General, according to the present constitution of the Army, nominates his successor and leaves his name in a sealed envelope for revelation after his death.

General Bramwell Booth has been very seriously ill for some months at his home in Southwold, so ill indeed that it was not thought polite to tell him that the High Council had been called to consider the position created by his illness—British Wireless Service.

#### Reuter's telegram states:

The Salvation Army Commissioners have declined to confirm to Reuter the report that they have received a letter from General Booth appointing a new council, consisting of Commissioner Higgins, Evangelists and Catherine Booth and two others, to administer the affairs of the Army instead of him. It is pointed out that, under the constitution of the Army, once the High Council is in session neither the General nor anyone else is empowered to make any appointment for the administration of Army affairs, and such a council as suggested would have no authority even if established.

#### Official Communique

A Salvation Army communique issued later states that after the reception of the letter from the General, the High Council resolved to submit to him a resolution, passed by the Council without a dissentient vote, recording their high appreciation of his life and labours.

They join him in gratitude to God for his partial restoration to health and hope that the improvement will be maintained, but the Council is unable to see the practicability of the suggestion of General Booth, realising that it is very unlikely at his advanced age that he can recover sufficiently to take up the burdens under which he collapsed.

#### "Sensational"

The disclosure of the nature of General Booth's letter is all the more sensational to-day because the Salvation Army communique yesterday evening merely mentioned that a letter had been received and gave no intimation of the con-

## INCOMPETENT GIRL TYPISTS

### OFFICIAL REPORT EXAMINERS FAIL THREE OUT OF EVERY FOUR

#### NO MARKS AT ALL

An extraordinary amount of incompetence among girl typists who present themselves for jobs in Whitehall offices is disclosed by the report of the examiners to the Civil Service Commission.

It shows that of the 930 girls who sat for the recent examination, no fewer than 708 failed, and only 228 passed. Some of the results were surprising. For instance:

Shorthand.—Hundreds of the girls could not read their shorthand notes, although the test passages were only dictated at the exceptionally slow rate of sixty and eighty words a minute. Over 100 girls obtained no marks at all out of the possible 150, and several obtained only three, four, or five marks. Only ten girls out of the 930—one out of every ninety—obtained full marks.

Typewriting.—Although the speed required was only thirty words per minute, nearly 180 girls failed to get a single mark, and many obtained only two, three, four and five marks out of the possible 200.

Arithmetic.—Five simple sums were set, and the candidates were provided with a paper giving them their multiplication and weights and measures of mensuration tables in case they had forgotten them. But of the possible 100 marks, many girls got "nil" and eighty-two got less than quarter marks. Only forty-one out of the 900 got full marks.

French.—This was an optional subject, but some of those who entered failed lamentably. Out of the 150 full marks, one girl obtained only five, and several had only fourteen, fifteen, sixteen and eighteen.

### STOLEN \$25

#### CONSTABLE ORDERED TO RETURN THE MONEY

Both the complainant and defendant of the case in which an Indian constable, who was alleged to have stolen \$25 from a sepoy of the Punjab Regiment, were severely reprimanded by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

In summing up, the Magistrate said he believed that the defendant did go to the Whitefield barracks and that he had referred to the debts before he went there. It was a disgrace to the Police Force that he had acted as he did.

The \$25 was ordered to be returned to the complainant and the defendant was discharged.

tents, while the communique gave the text of a telegram from the General in reply to a message of greetings from the Council. "I thank you for your telegram and fully reciprocate all you say. May God guide you and bless you all and your homes."

Yours affectionately,  
Bramwell Booth."

#### The Deputation

Later.

The Salvationist deputation to see General Booth comprises Commissioner Cunningham, the International European Secretary, Hay, of New Zealand, Mitchell of Sweden, Brengle of the United States; Lieut. Commissioners Haynes, Managing Director of the Salvation Army Assurance Society, Yamimuro, Japan and Colonel Mrs. Trowbridge of India.

#### Impressive Scene

A communique from Sunbury Court says the High Council adjourned this afternoon to give the deputation an opportunity of visiting General Booth, after singing the hymn "Oh God our help."

The letter to the General was couched in affectionate terms and was laid on the President's table.

An impressive silent ceremony followed, as the 56 members of the Council present walked up and signed the historic document. A "veritable sacrament" was the summing up of the commission. The Council assembled on Jan. 12. Reuter.

## YANG SEN DRAWS HIS ADVERSARY

### WINNER OR LOSER? FEINT, RETIRE, DETOUR AND THEN ATTACK

#### 80 MILES FROM OBJECTIVE

After a week's persistent news that General Yang Sen, the stormy petrel of Szechuan province (in the west of China Proper), had been decisively retreated and was on the run, a report to hand to-day points to exactly the opposite being the case.

Yang Sen was first said to have advanced up the Yangtze River, westward, with the Treaty port of Chungking (held by General Liu Hsiang) as his objective. Liu Hsiang mined the river and counter-attacked. That was supposed to have been the end of it because Yang Sen turned tail and fled.

A Royal Navy communique of Wednesday's date conveyed intelligence gleaned from Wanshan, a port below Chungking and, at the commencement of hostilities, held by Yang Sen.

War Barons Rise  
Yang Sen is now understood to have retired, not retreated, indeed (i.e., north westward, away from the Yangtze) to Liangshan. His move, apparently, caused Liu Hsiang to venture down-river. Then Yang Sen detoured, having separated Liu Hsiang's forces and placed himself in a position to swoop down on them.

The latest news is that Yang Sen's men have advanced from Liangshan and passed overland through Chuanhsien, en route to Shuangking, on a tributary of the Yangtze, in the very heart of Szechuan, whence, ostensibly, to converge on Liu Hsiang's main base at Chungking.

Colour is lent to this reported reversal in fortunes of war by intimations that several minor war-barons (who were supposed to have promised Yang Sen aid and failed him), such as Lo Tse-chow, Li Chieh and Chen Tso-jung, are joining Yang Sen now that he has outflanked Liu Hsiang, hitherto deemed to be the victor.

### PTE. JAMES BOYLE

#### FURTHER STATEMENT TO THE MAGISTRATE

##### THE NEXT STEP

Private James Boyle, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, made another appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy, in connection with the charge against him of attempted murder of Sergeant A. Kerr of the same regiment on board H.M. transport "Somersetshire," on the night of October 19-20, 1928, whilst on the high seas between Aden and Colombo.

Detective Inspector Lane reported to the Magistrate that a reply had been received to the cable sent by the police inquiring when Kerr would be sufficiently well to make the trip to Hong Kong. The telegram from Colombo reported that following his recovery called last week, Kerr had again been placed on the danger list. It added that even if he recovered, it would not be possible for the Sergeant to proceed to Hong Kong until November.

November?

The Magistrate expressed surprise at the mention of November and suggested that it must be a misprint. Inspector Lane said that it might be that, but on the other hand it might mean that the military authorities would not have a troopship available for Kerr to take passage in until November. He added that he had consulted with Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, and the latter suggested that should Kerr not be in Hong Kong by February 9, Boyle might be committed to the February Criminal Sessions "on the evidence already placed before the Court."

His Worship agreed, remarking that that was a reasonable course to take, and informed Boyle that if he were committed to the February Sessions, he would have to face the present charges against him, namely, attempted murder, and alternately, unlawfully wounding. In the meantime Boyle would be formally remanded by the Court, from week to week.

A week's Grand Remand was then given until January 18, 1929.

## LABOUR OUTBREAK IN CALCUTTA

### EUROPEAN HURT SIX THOUSAND FULL WORKERS LOCKED OUT

#### FIVE ARRESTS

Calcutta, Yesterday.  
Six mill commissionaires and a woman were injured and a European manager slightly injured in a disturbance at the Chittagong mill, where a strike has broken out.

The mill has been closed and 6,000 hands have been made idle. Five arrests were made. The communist agitator, Spratt, was present on the scene of the disturbance.—Reuter.

#### STILL FINE

N. E. winds, moderate, fine, is the forecast until noon tomorrow.

The anti-cyclone has weakened and is now central between Shanghai and Nagasaki.

There are no indications of a typhoon in the south China Sea this morning.

The monsoon will moderate over the N. China-Sea.

Typhoon Warning  
The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 9.30 a.m. to-day:—

4.00 p.m. 10th, Warning: The typhoon is crossing the Visayas Islands in the form of a shallow depression.

### OVERBOARD!

#### CHINESE JUMPS FROM "SUI AN"

##### LEAVES A LETTER

In a letter to the police yesterday, the master of the s.s. "Sui An" reported that at about 9 a.m. on Tuesday, while the vessel was abreast of Potung Island on the way to Macao, a Chinese passenger suddenly jumped overboard.

The ship was stopped immediately the alarm was given and the man was located in the water, but before help could reach him, he sank and was not seen again, although the ship remained some minutes at the scene of the tragedy.

From a letter left behind by the drowned man which was picked up on the deck, it was discovered that his name was Chan Su (21), a wireless operator, living at No. 3, Prince's-terrace, off Calne-road. In the letter the young man disclosed his intention to commit suicide but did not give any reason for the act.

### CHANGE OF I.G.

#### WHAT THE "TIMES" THINKS ABOUT IT

##### MR. MAZE INSTALLED

London, Yesterday.  
The "Times," in a leader, says it does not see in the displacement of Mr. A. H. F. Edwards by Mr. F. W. Maze as Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs any desire to destroy the international character of the Customs' administration. China's greatest need is foreign capital and foreign leaders' confidence depends on the continuance of the present system of Customs administration.

The "Times" is of opinion that China will be well advised to come to some agreement without delay with unsecured foreign creditors. Such a step would immensely improve her credit and help largely to consolidate the present regime.

Mr. Maze Installed  
Shanghai, Yesterday.  
Mr. F. W. Maze was formally installed as Inspector-General at the Customs House this morning.—Reuter.

#### SHOT DEAD

Boyle, Yesterday.  
Three policemen were shot dead in different parts of the city in killing on suspects of the Chinese revolutionaries. The murders occurred Sunday.

#### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand today was 7/0 5/16.

## GIRLS SEIZED BY BANDITS

### CINEMA RAID CARRIED OFF AND HALL DYNAMITED

#### AUDIENCE ROBBED

Twenty-four girls have been kidnapped and carried off to the mountains as the result of an audacious raid by bandits on the little town of Jilotepec, on the edge of Mexico's famous Lake Chapala.

Messages received in New York from Mexico City show that the coup was carried out with amazing daring, even for Mexico, where organized defiance of law and order is by no means uncommon.

The Mayor and a few soldiers attempted to check the marauders, but they easily overcame the resistance. The Town Hall was set on fire and destroyed with dynamite.

The gang, numbering nearly a hundred mounted and armed desperadoes, then surrounded the cinema and forbade any of those within to leave under pain of instant death.

The audience were searched and forced to part with their money and any valuables in their possession. Afterwards the men were lined up on one side of the theatre and the women on the other.

Despite their cries and entreaties, twenty-four of the prettiest girls were then removed from the building and forced to mount behind the bandits. Parents and friends accompanying the girls appealed in vain to the marauders, offering them everything they possessed if they would spare the young women.

The leader of the bandits replied by firing two revolver shots and ordering his men to gallop off. They dashed away at full speed and were soon lost in the mountains.

Some hours elapsed before two companies of Federal troops and a machine-gun detachment set off in pursuit. Nothing has yet been heard, however, of the bandits or their captives.

### MURDER CHARGE

#### CHINESE WOMAN BROUGHT FROM CANTON

##### AFTER ONE YEAR

A Chinese woman named Pong Lau-tit, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy, with the murder, along with three men not in custody (Fok Chi, Chan Yau and Lo Chiu), of another Chinese woman named Choi Lim on the night of December 30-31, 1927, at No. 28, Swatow-lane, Wanchai.

The Magistrate asked if the accused was the dead woman's amah, and Detective Inspector Lane replied that she was a substitute for the regular amah.

Asked as to the identity of the other three mentioned in the charge, the Inspector said that the first man was the accused's husband, who, with the other two men, were alleged to have conspired with the accused to commit the crime. He said that it was known that one or two of the men were in Fatsien, but somehow they managed to get warning that they were wanted and absconded. The Police are still searching for them.

A week's formal remand was made.

It may be remembered that the murdered woman was discovered on New Year Eve morning, 1927, in the house which was in disorder, and a quantity of jewellery and other property was stolen from the place. The amah employed by the deceased was nowhere to be found, and succeeded in "laying low" for just over a year. She was then traced to Canton where her arrest by the Chinese authorities was obtained, and three days ago she was brought to Hong Kong by local detectives who went up to Canton to receive her from the Canton police.

It is understood that some of the dead woman's stolen jewellery has been recovered.

#### M-DOMESTIC AGAIN

The divorce suit of Mrs. M. Douglas against her husband, Mr. M. Douglas, is now before the court.

## "NOT SLOWER THAN ANTICIPATED"

### KING'S HEALTH "A DEFINITE TURN FOR THE BETTER"

#### A QUIET DAY

London, Yesterday.  
From a British wireless message we learn that it is authoritatively stated that H.M. the King passed a fair night and there is no change in his condition to-day.

It is generally conceded in Buckingham Palace circles that the King has at last taken a definite turn for the better. He continues on the up-grade and it is apparent that he is slowly regaining his health.

The recent improvement, although extremely slow, is not slower than was anticipated.

The following bulletin was issued at 8.15 this evening.

The King has passed a quiet day and there is no change to report in His Majesty's condition. The next bulletin will be issued to-morrow evening.

Signed: Stanley Hewett, Dawson of Penn.

#### Milk and Cream

The Hague, Yesterday.  
A daily supply of milk and cream is being transported by air to London for the King. The first consignment was made to-day.

#### Expert Opinion

The usual inspired weekly statement has not been issued by the medical press this week, but the fact that the King is making much headway as is to be expected is the conclusion the "British Medical Journal" makes in its customary weekly review.

It draws attention to the slight but not negligible improvement in the King's condition but with exhaustion of body and mind remaining a conspicuous feature, progress must be slow and difficult. "All that has been said in recent reports about his great weakness through washing and trouble in feeding will obviously hold good for some time. Therefore the position is still in no wise free from anxiety."

#### Not Expected

The "Lancet" comments on similar lines to the "British Medical Journal" and emphasises that startling improvement in the King's condition is not to be expected.

### UNREGISTERED

#### ACTION AGAINST COAL-YARD MANAGER

The coal-yard manager of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha was summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for employing unregistered watchmen, contrary to the Watchman's regulation.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy appeared for the Crown. Evidence was given by Sergt. Walsh, who stated that when he visited the M.B.K. coal-yard on Nov. 5 and 6, 1928, he found two Japanese there. Witness was then told by the Japanese that they were watchmen.

Un, the coal-yard manager of the M.B.K., was called to give evidence. He stated that the Japanese were employed as tallymen, but these tallymen were sometimes called upon to look after the coal in the yard and on board steamers.

The Magistrate registered a conviction and cautioned the defendant.

### DANCE FESTIVAL

#### INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONS ARRANGED

We are requested to state that an International Dance Festival will take place on Wednesday, February 20, at the Club L'Estimado and on Saturday, February 23, at the Club de Recreio, Kowloon, commencing each day at 4 p.m.

A thoroughly representative Committee of ladies has been formed to organize the festival.

Mrs. Southern is taking a leading part in arranging the entertainment, the proceeds of which will be divided between international charitable organizations in Hong Kong and elsewhere.

## ENTERTAINING THE ADMIRALS

### LOCAL FUNCTIONS DUTCH AND FRENCH NAVAL VISITORS

#### TEA PARTY ON SHIPBOARD

Several functions have been arranged in honour of the visit of two foreign men-of-war, the Netherlands cruiser "Java" with Rear-Admiral A. ten Broeke Hoekstra, and the French cruiser "Jules Michelet" with Rear-Admiral Stots.

At the Repulse Bay Hotel to-night, the Netherlands community of Hong Kong entertain Rear-Admiral Hoekstra, Captain F. H. Dalhuisen, and about twenty other officers from the "Java." About sixty will be present.

To-morrow, at lunch in the Hong Kong Hotel, Mr. M. J. Quist (Consul-General for the Netherlands) and the heads of the Netherlands firms in the Colony will meet H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), Rear-Admiral Hoekstra, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, heads of Government departments, etc.

#### Consular Body

Mr. A. L. Corveira de Albuquerque e Castro, Consul-General for Portugal, will be present, representing the Consular Body in Hong Kong, of which he is a member. Mr. Y. Murakami, Consul-General for Japan, has also been invited because Rear-Admiral Hoekstra has just paid an official visit to Japan for the coronation.

The Senior Naval Officer, Captain G. Hopwood, C.B.E., A.D.C., of H.M.S. "Hermes," and Commodore R. A. S. Hill (in charge of Naval Establishments, Hong Kong) are unable to be present on account of a previous engagement.

#### Commodore's Dinner

To-morrow night, Commodore Hill entertains Rear-Admiral Hoekstra and Mr. Quist on H.M.S. "Tamar."

On Monday, a tea party will be given on "Java," from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., when there will be dancing.

It is expected that about 200 people will be present. Launches will leave Queen's Pier between 4.30 and 5 p.m. Special invitations are being issued.

On Tuesday morning "Java" leaves Hong Kong for the Netherlands-Indies.

#### Short Notice

Owing to the fact that H.E. the Governor only returned to the Colony on Wednesday evening, arrangements have had to be made at short notice and, hence, are not quite complete.

Last night the French Consul-General (Mr. M. C. Dufour du la Prade) gave a dinner at his residence, Victoria Lodge, Peak-road, in honour of the visit of Rear-Admiral Stots. An official reception is being held between 5 and 7 p.m. to-day and there will be another dinner to-morrow night. Other than this, further information was not available when the "China Mail" inquired to-day.

### ASSAULT

#### MAGISTRATE ALTERS SENTENCE ON RE-OPENING

Recently Mr. R. E. Lindell passed sentence of six months' hard labour on each of two Chinese charged with assault and with intent to rob an amah employed by Mr. N. Drummond at No. 2, Quarry Point.

On the application of Mr. C. A. S. Russ, his Worship granted a re-opening of the case in order that Mr. Russ might present the defence Counsel not having been present at the original hearing of the case.

The defence was that the two prisoners were introduced to the complainant by a boy for the purpose of collecting some money on behalf of another party. There was a misunderstanding and a scuffle ensued, in the course of which the woman was slightly injured. There was no question of the prisoners intending to rob the amah.

His Worship decided to amend the charge to one of common assault, and reduced the sentence to one of three months' hard labour on each man.

The case was re-opened on Monday, and the prisoners were again brought before the court.







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Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928.

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broderies, Chinese Hand Paint-  
ings, etc., etc.

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ON  
SATURDAY, 12th January, 1929,  
commencing at 11 a.m.  
at their Sales Room,  
Duddell Street.

2 Pieces Tweed  
1 Case Artificial Silk Yarn  
372 Bottles Whisky  
and  
(for account of the concerned)

72 Packages Cynilla Lustre Wool  
44 Cases "Bees" Evaporated  
Cream  
(more or less damaged).

1 Bale Leather Cloth  
1 Bale Carpets.

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N.	S.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorized by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

**AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN** that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 90 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,  
A. C. HYNES,  
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hong Kong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date of the above mentioned meeting until the date of the above mentioned extraordinary meeting.

**MY REPLY TO PRESIDENT COOLIDGE****A Straightforward Analysis of Contentions in the Armistice Day Speech**

[By the Earl of Birkenhead]

Nobody certainly under-rates what America did when she came into the War and the immense value of her contribution, but when, in his Armistice Day speech, President Coolidge contended that, so far from having gained, America had been actually a loser by the War, and that her effort was in no way inferior, if not superior, to that of other countries, incredulity amounted almost to indignation. In the following irrefutable review of facts, Lord Birkenhead, writing in "Britannia" of December 7, shows how very far from any semblance of accuracy President Coolidge's speech was.

The portion of President Coolidge's Armistice Day address, which has, perhaps, created the most comment abroad is that in which he speaks of the cost of the War to the United States. When we examine and analyse his figures, we shall see why the attention they excited was coloured by astonishment that such a basis of calculation should have been adopted and trusted.

"It is sometimes represented," said the President, "that this country (the United States) made a profit out of the War. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Up to the present time, our own net War costs, after allowing for our foreign debt expectations, are about \$36,500 million. To retire the balance of our public debt will require about \$7,000 million in interest. Our Veterans' Bureau and allied expenses are already running at over \$500 million a year in meeting the solemn duty to the disabled and dependent. With what has been paid out, and what is already apparent, it is probable that our final cost will run well toward \$100,000 million, or half the entire wealth of the country when we entered the conflict."

And again, "While we shall receive some further credits on the accounts I have stated as our costs, our outlay will be much greater than that of any other country. Whatever may be thought or said of us, we know, and every informed person should know, that we reaped no selfish benefit from the War."

**Analysis of the Figures**  
Let us regard these figures more closely. (For the purpose of convenience, I am transforming dollars into pounds at the conventional rate of 5 to 1.) The President gives no data on which to base his astounding assertion that America's final cost "will run well toward" \$20,000 million (\$100,000 million). His other figure of \$7,300 million (\$36,500 million) is indisputably accurate. He presumably bases himself upon a detailed statement in the Annual Report of the United States Treasury, and includes, for no obvious reason, \$1,627 million interest paid on the internal debt of the country. Mr. Coolidge adds to this \$1,400 million (\$7,000 million) for future interest on this debt until it is completely repaid, thus making a total cost of \$8,700 million (\$43,500 million).

He tells us also that there must be added the capitalised value of future pension payments which "are already running at over \$100 million a year."

It may be well to recall here that the United States had \$22,000 million and wounded, against Great Britain's nearly three millions. The United States are now paying 300,000 pensions, against our 1,500,000. America is spending \$100 million annually, and we \$27 million. Thus, although our casualties were eight times those of America, and we pay five times as many pensions, America, according to President Coolidge, is paying twice as much a year on this item. Nor did we adopt a mean scale. This suggests that the figure relied upon would appear to require some reconsideration.

**What the War Cost America**  
Even if the President's statement were correct, the amount he gives of present pension payments is insufficient to increase the ultimate cost to anything nearly approaching \$20,000 million (\$100,000 million). This implies that the current rate of pension expenditure would have to continue for over a century; even if old soldiers never die, it is unlikely that their average duration of life, even in the invigorating climate of America, will prove to be 110 years from the close of the War. It is more usual, however, to estimate ultimate pension costs at twenty-two times the present cost. This means that the ultimate cost of the War to America will not exceed \$11,000 million. This is a little over a quarter of the pre-war national wealth of the United States—not, as President Coolidge protests, half the entire wealth of the country when we entered the conflict.

On a comparable basis, the net cost of the War to this United Kingdom has already reached a total of over \$11,000 million. If to this is added the cost of future pensions and future interest on the internal debt, the total will reach roughly \$22,000 million, or more than one and a half times the pre-war national wealth of the United Kingdom.

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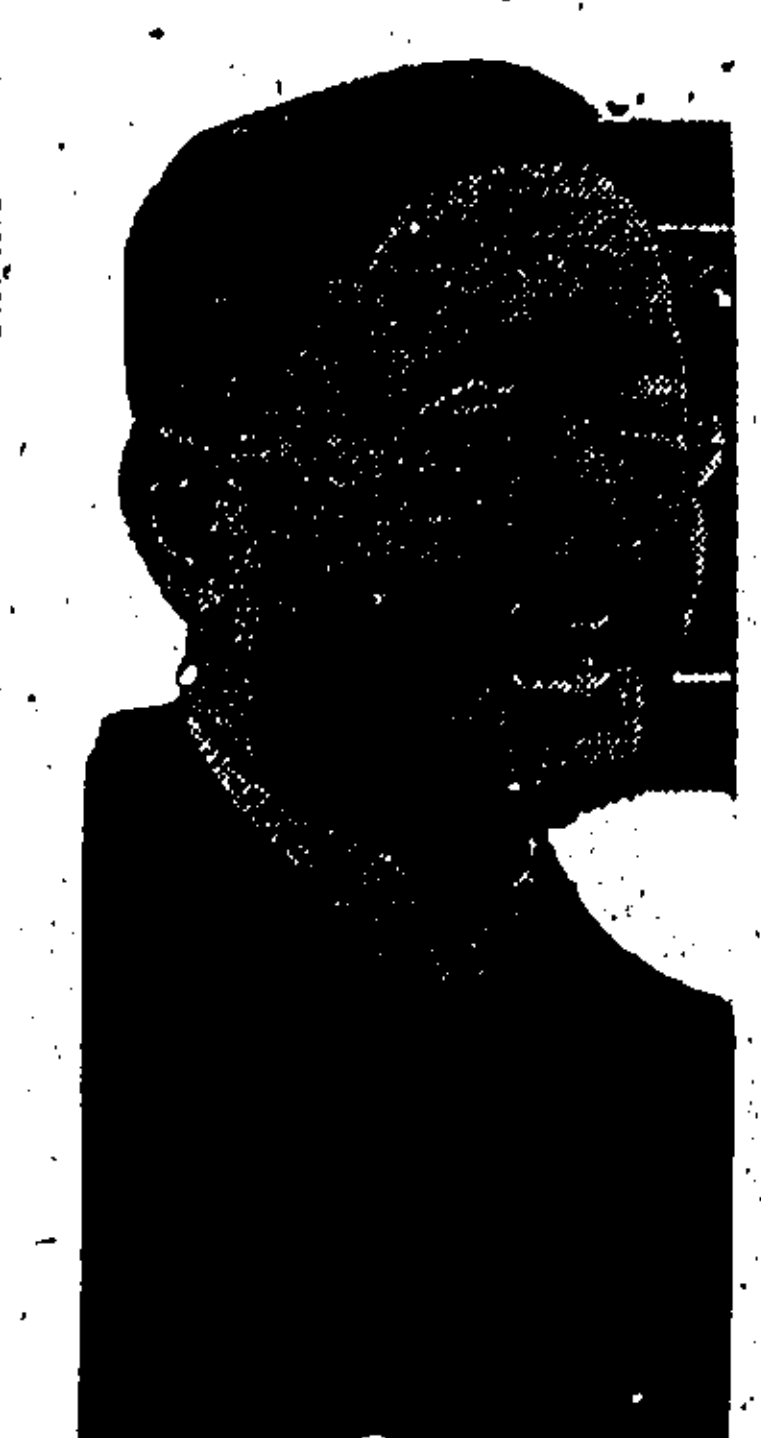
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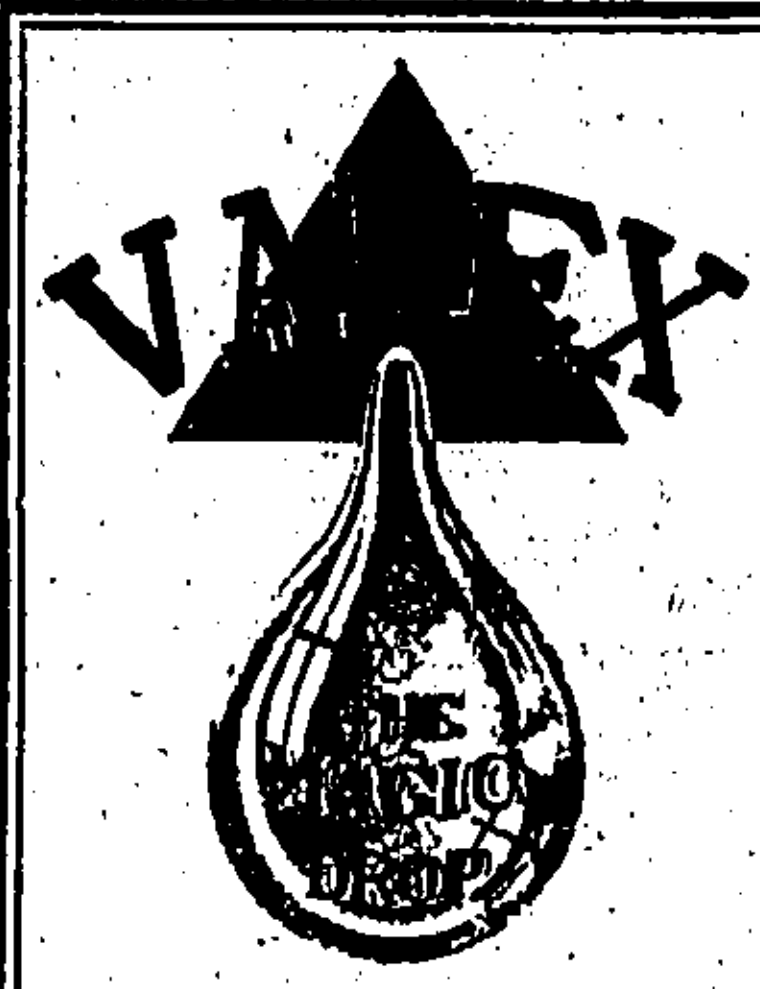
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ANYO MARU ..... Friday, 1st February.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.  
BINGO MARU ..... Monday, 28th January.

NEW YORK via PANAMA.  
+ TATSUNO MARU ..... Sunday, 27th January.  
+ ATAGO MARU ..... Saturday, 2nd February.

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+ DURBAN MARU ..... Monday, 21st January.

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ATLAS MARU ..... Friday, 8th February.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,  
Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.  
MONTEVIDEO MARU ..... Friday, 8th February, 1929.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.  
CHIFUKU MARU ..... Saturday, 19th January, 1929.

HONOLULU MARU ..... Sunday, 3rd February.

DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR  
& MOOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.  
CHICAGO MARU ..... Tuesday, 5th February.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.  
BORNEO MARU ..... Friday, 18th January.

SEATTLE MARU ..... Friday, 1st February.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From  
Shanghai.  
PARIS MARU ..... Wednesday, 16th January.

ARABIA MARU ..... Tuesday, 22nd January.

MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.  
HIMALAYA MARU ..... Wednesday, 6th February.

SAIGON  
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow  
MENADO MARU ..... Thursday, 17th January 10 a.m.

NEW YORK Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama  
HAMBURG MARU ..... Middle of January.

JAPAN PORTS  
AMAZON MARU ..... Tuesday, 15th January.

SOURABAYA MARU ..... Wednesday, 23rd January.

GANGES MARU ..... Friday, 25th January.

KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 13th January Noon.

CANTON MARU ..... Sunday, 20th January Noon.

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The annual report of the direction of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. shows a credit balance on the year's accounts, including \$118,326 brought forward from last year, of \$223,029, against \$918,001 in the previous year.

"There are signs of improvement in trade," says the report, "but the labour situation in Australia in September and October gave a set-back in that country, as has so often been the case before. With the accession to power again of Mr. Bruce, the Prime Minister, it is hoped that what has been tantamount to a negation of law will now cease."

"Trade with China continues to suffer by the unsettled condition of affairs in that country. The company shares with the mercantile community, both British and Chinese, the hope which found expression in the King's speech at the opening of Parliament, that the efforts which China is making to establish a government will succeed, and with the cessation of civil war, better trade conditions may be expected to ensue."

"The business with India is without special feature, but the export trade of the country shows a general increase in almost all the principal items, and the exports to Europe have doubled."

"The company's passenger traffic continues to be maintained both out and home. Our allied lines have aided materially in the year's results."

"The directors explained in last year's report that the Insurance Fund for outside insurance had been closed, but that the account remained open till all outstanding risks had been met. At the end of the financial year the amount at credit of this fund was \$3,073,278, which is treated as a liability. There are still some claims to pay, but it is anticipated when these have been liquidated in the course of the current or year following the fund will stand at about \$3,000,000."

In conclusion the report says, "We greatly regret to have to record the death in July last of Mr. Allan Hughes, the chairman of the New Zealand and Federal companies. He was a most capable administrator, and ever since the P. & O. Company acquired these lines worked wholeheartedly for their interests and for those of the P. & O. Company. He has been succeeded in the chair, with the concurrence of the P. & O. Board, by Mr. C. J. Cowan, who has been at his right hand for many years, and will, the board are convinced, prove a worthy successor, and one whom Mr. Hughes would without doubt have been pleased to see in the position Mr. Cowan now occupies."

The report was submitted to the proprietors at the 88th ordinary general meeting held at the company's offices on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1928, at 11 a.m.

### LOSS OF THE CARIBOO

East London.—The Court of Inquiry into the sinking of the steamer "Cariboo," which foundered on Nov. 24 after striking a submerged rock 40 miles southwest of East London, is satisfied that no blame attaches to the master and other officers for the loss of the ship.

## SHIPPING SECTION.

### TOTAL TONNAGE

LIVERPOOL AND BIRKENHEAD IMPROVEMENTS

#### MERSEY DOCK MEETING

That things are improving in the industrial North of England is shown by the fact that the total tonnage of vessels entering the docks at Liverpool and Birkenhead during the present year was 15,246,121 tons, the greatest tonnage ever dealt with except last year when enormous quantities of foreign coal were imported during the coal strike.

This was one of the statements made by Mr. Richard D. Holt, the Chairman of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, when presenting the accounts at the annual meeting in December.

He stated that the revenue from rates and dues, the main revenue of the Board, remains at the same figure as that of last year, apart from the abnormal revenue due to importations of coal. This was not satisfactory when it was realised that one single item, raw cotton, showed a falling off of \$242,000 on imports and of \$3,000 on exports, the total amount imported falling from 688,834 tons to 433,371 tons.

Woolens Rise  
As stocks held in Liverpool declined during the year from 1,291,730 bales to 757,910 bales the reduction in imports did not indicate any corresponding inactivity in the manufacture of cotton, and this was confirmed by the fact that the exports of cotton manufactures through Liverpool had only fallen from 1,626,533 packages to 1,580,223 packages, with a loss of revenue of \$1,114. Against this the exports of woollen manufactures had risen from 64,026 packages to 102,577 packages, with a gain in revenue of \$918.

The surplus on the warehouse account showed an improvement of \$14,589, and the net result was that they would place the full \$100,000 to the sinking fund and add \$23,669 to the unappropriated receipts account.

The Gladstone Dock, which is the largest in the world, was completed during the year, said Mr. Holt. The system was appropriated to the full extent permissible, if anything was to be reserved for chance vessels, and work was going on most satisfactorily. There had been, as a consequence, a considerable re-arrangement of berthing throughout the estate and many lines had obtained improved accommodation, and the Board was in a position to find accommodation for new enterprises.

Extending Industries  
In the annual report of the Liverpool organization, which deals with industrial and other trade developments in the city, it is stated that, during the past twelve months, ten new industrial enterprises have been established in Liverpool. In some cases there are also large extensions of existing businesses. Premises which were vacant at the beginning of the year are now being used for such purposes as cold storage in insulation, the manufacture of cork slabs, motor body building, and the manufacture of refrigerating machinery. The largest tin smelting works in the country has been established in Bootle, and at Aln-tree two large factories, one for the production of tin boxes, enamelware, etc., and the other for the manufacture of all classes of galvanised ware, are at the present moment being erected. One of these factories occupies a site of 16 acres.

### MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. ss. "Thawa" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 7 at p.m., and is due here on Saturday morning.

The Ben Line ss. "Benrackle" from Middlesbrough, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Jan. 17.

The M.V. "Nippon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Durkirk on Dec. 24, and is due here on or about Jan. 31.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" R/W. Orline arrived at Bombay yesterday morning, leaves Bombay on Jan. 17 at 8 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Feb. 18 at a.m.

Projected departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd. are as follows:

Hullings from Hong Kong:  
S.S. "City of Paris" to Europe, Jan. 15.  
S.S. "City of London" to Europe, Jan. 22.  
S.S. "City of New York" to America, Jan. 29.

### INDIAN COASTING

PROPOSED MONOPOLY OPPOSED

"NO JUSTIFICATION"

The Executive Council of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, at a meeting recently discussed a measure which has been introduced in the Indian Legislative Assembly seeking power to reserve the coasting trade of India to vessels registered in that country and owned by Indian nationals.

The Council were of the opinion that there is no economic justification for such a proposal, that in the present stage of the development of India great harm would result, and that the introduction of an act of discrimination against British interest in the coasting trade would create a precedent the consequences of which might prove far-reaching to the detriment of British interests generally in India.

The Council further unanimously expressed the opinion that in the interests of the trade and commerce not only of India but also of Great Britain and of the Empire as a whole, it should be made unconstitutional under the Government of India Act, for any discrimination to be permitted against British nationals in India.

It was decided to communicate the terms of the resolution to the Secretary of State for India and the President of the Board of Trade.

### PASSENGER LISTS

#### ARRIVALS.

By the ss. "Atsuta Maru" from  
Shanghai to-day:

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#### DEPARTURES

Passengers departed from Hong Kong to Manila by the "Empress of Russia" on January 9 were:—  
Mr. R. Assumal, Miss D. Bewley, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bachrach, Mr. T. F. Conroy, Mr. F. R. Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron, Rev. Father E. Dieltiens, Mr. C. D. Ellis, Mr. E. M. Ehora, Miss A. Froeland, Mr. F. S. Fales, Miss F. Fales, Mr. W. Gordon, Mrs. N. C. Gude, Miss M. E. U.

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 9
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 28	July 7
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	July 24	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 6	Aug. 15

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Mar. 8	Mar. 10	EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 17

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## REPLY TO COOLIDGE

(Continued from Page 5.)

Thus, instead of a pre-war debt of 2500 million America, as a consequence of the War, has found herself with a credit of \$1,360 million. Add to this Allied War debts to the amount of \$2,300 million, and we find her pre-war indebtedness transformed to a credit balance of no less than \$4,000 million, a turnover of \$4,500 million. (These figures are necessarily calculated, with a considerable margin of error, but are approximately accurate).

One item in the conversion of America from a debtor to a creditor nation should be taken into special consideration, namely, the sale of American securities by Great Britain during the War. The British Government sold over \$200 million, and the U.S. Department of Commerce has estimated that British citizens individually sold a further \$300 million.

Help from "Ancient Nations" Yet in the face of all these facts and figures—most of them taken from American official documents—President Coolidge finds it possible to declare that "nothing is farther from the truth" than that America has made a profit out of the War.

There is an irony (certainly unconscious) in the President's admission in his peroration, that "two should pursue our course with due gratitude for the important contributions of the more ancient nations which have helped to make possible our present progress and our future hope." Great Britain, by entering the War three years before the United States, and by pledging her credit for American loans to herself and her allies for War purposes, has certainly "made possible," indeed, been primarily responsible for, America's financial progress.

There is one other point in the President's speech which reveals not less clearly the lack of understanding between him and ourselves which he deplores. I speak of his references to naval armaments. Before replying specifically to his comments, I ask my readers to throw their minds back to the first years

of the War. During all the anxious months through which we passed, not the least of our difficulties was the running fire of complaints from President Wilson about our blockade of Germany. Many of these came strangely from the representative of the nation which was the author of the doctrine of continuous voyage, a doctrine which, more than any other extended, and increased the friction of, naval search for contraband. President Wilson's attitude towards the blockade, as towards most other aspects of the European struggle, changed completely when, at last, he was impelled by American opinion into the War. I quote from the editor of the newly published volumes of Colonel House's memoirs:—

"Allied restrictions upon neutral trade had led to the most acute discontent and the most vigorous protests on the part of the United States previous to our participation in the War. After entering the struggle against Germany, the American Government naturally changed its point of view, and in its efforts to prevent goods from entering Germany, rather improved upon the strictness of Allied measures." "A Large Number of Warships."

The President does not give the slightest offence to anyone in England when he says:—  
"We have not only a long coast line, distant outlying possessions, a foreign commerce unsurpassed in importance, the number of our people and value of our treasure to be protected, but we are also bound by international treaty to defend the Panama Canal. Having few fuelling stations, we require ships of large tonnage, and having scarcely any merchant vessels capable of mounting five or six-inch guns, it is obvious that, based on positions, we are entitled to a larger number of warships than a nation having these advantages."

This argument is just; is the English case less just? We, too, have a long coast line; we, too, have a great foreign commerce; we, too, have people and treasure all over the world to protect. In addition, we have a vast over-seas Empire whose communications are wholly maritime. And we have a population which will starve if we prove unable to protect the arteries of food. For these reasons, we need a strong Navy, and the lighter class of cruisers most of all. But, President Coolidge explains, the United States could not fall in with our wishes in this matter because "the British Navy would be so nearly unlimited that the principle of limitation would be virtually abandoned."

Right for America, Wrong for Us The President's plea for America's title to "a larger number of warships" is not criticised in this country. It is right for America, as he explains, to have the kind of navy necessitated by her geographical and economic position. We agree. But it is, it would seem, wrong for us to have the ships we need because, if we do, "the principle of limitation would be virtually abandoned." The impulse of President Wilson in the first years of the War—an impulse, if one may say so without offence, which was not derived from the history of the American Navy—animates his successor.

Wilson came at last to understand the importance of the British Navy both to ourselves and to America. I am sure that the President would not waste his time if he re-studied this not unimportant period of the history of the world.

I observe that my friend, Viscount Cecil, in the speech reported in the Press of November 29, made the following observation:—  
"The first step to any general disarmament agreement must be an accord between this country and the United States on Naval Armaments."

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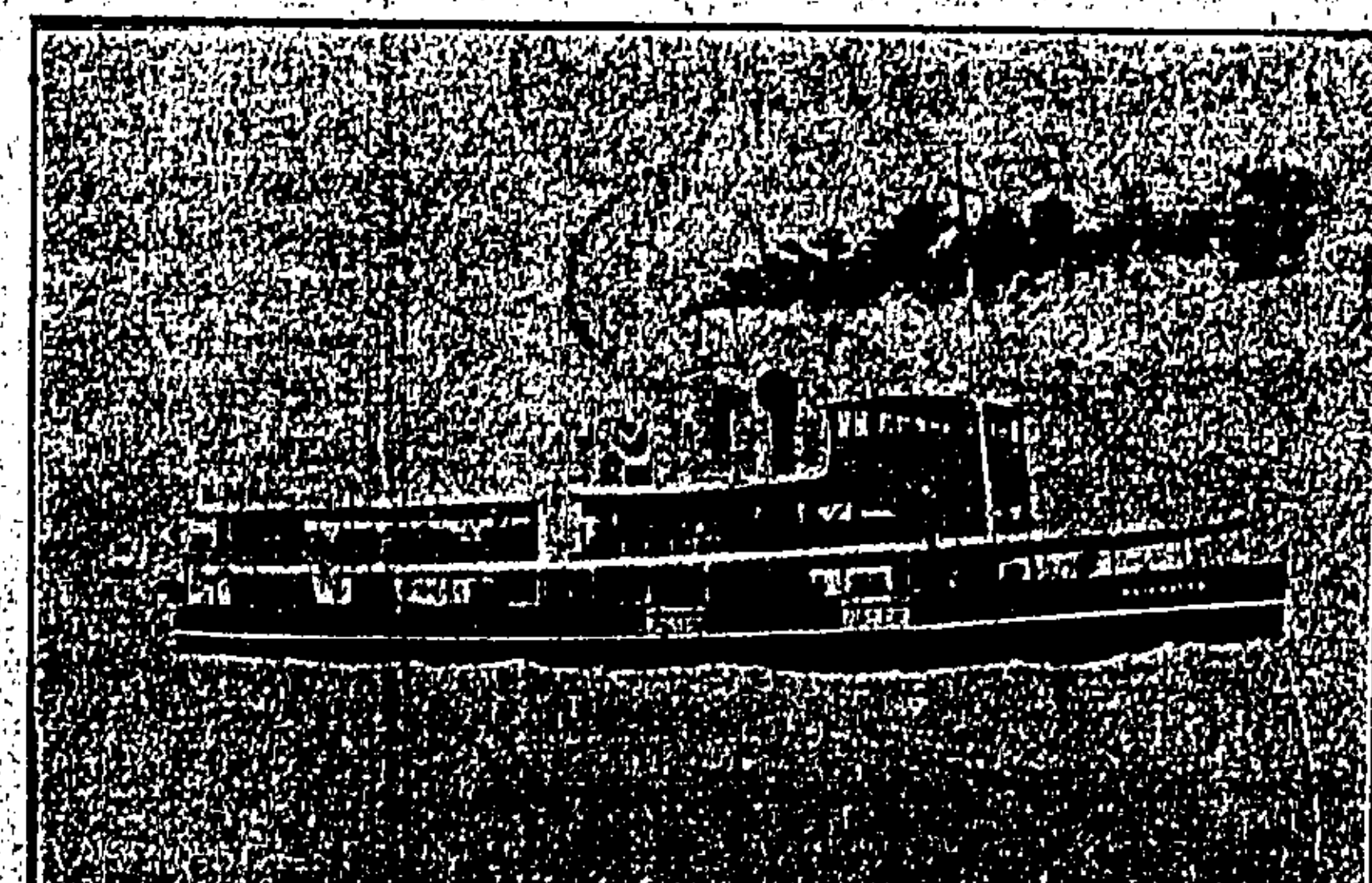
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not the slightest doubt but that  
never has it been shown more  
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tion Army that the precepts of  
Christianity can be carried out  
literally and that its sublime  
message is no visionary's dream.  
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thoroughly practical manner,  
prove daily, hourly, that the in-  
spired message of love and loving  
service that dominates their  
actions is the world's sweetest  
panacea for most of "the ills that  
flesh is heir to."

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Salvation Army some seven de-  
cades ago, gave a wonderful  
impetus to the propagation of a  
grand ideal and one which, his  
energetic Army have ever since  
held up as their guide. It was  
that in Christianity, almost  
literally applied, for the humblest  
as well as the highest, they had  
the best solvent for this world's  
trials and tribulations, and that in  
its acceptance the world of to-  
day was well-lost for the world to  
come in the good actions, the  
kindly words, the helping hand  
lovingly extended even to those  
who had become the dregs of  
society. The good and great  
General Booth's "God Bless  
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You" sister, "God Bless  
You" father, "God Bless  
You" mother, "God Bless  
You" child, "God Bless  
You" neighbor, "God Bless  
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which they have accumulated. It  
is now no secret that their funds  
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could it be in better hands? The  
vast accumulation of real, prac-  
tical good as exemplified by their  
numerous soup kitchens, casual  
wards, halls for various purposes  
is world-wide known; and that  
the work done and so wonderfully  
maintained has been very highly  
appreciated is clearly shown in  
the funds placed at their dis-  
posal. They must have received  
innumerable bequests and dona-  
tions and they must also have in-  
vested the money in a very busi-  
nesslike way, thus proving that  
though those who now so ably  
conduct the Army and seek to  
lead all who listen to them from  
this world of woe to one infinitely  
better, they yet have a very prac-  
tical sense of how best to go  
about things here and now. It  
is, therefore, all the more regret-  
table that this unfortunate con-  
troversy regarding the Salvation  
Army's leadership should have  
arisen. The Booth family found-  
ed the institution and have, not  
unnaturally, sought to retain its  
chief control in their own hands.  
The present head was nominated  
by his father, the saintly General  
William Booth, whose patriarchal  
appearance, flowing white beard  
and venerable attitude, come  
back vividly to us, and it is to  
avoid a similar nomination on the  
part of General Bramwell Booth  
that the dispute has arisen and  
that the Army's High Council is  
meeting now at Sunbury on the  
Thames.

But no matter who may be the  
leader there can be no doubt that  
the supreme aim and object of the  
Salvation Army will continue to  
be ever present with them. It is  
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sublimest message ever given to  
man. It is that even the lowest  
may be led to the highest of  
aspirations. In this the Salvation  
Army, with their "God Bless You"  
and other similar  
expressions will continue to  
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is said to be a very pretty  
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educated in a school in  
Nanking.

spirit with what is reported to be  
happening in Hankow. For some  
time past we have received  
messages pointing to the exist-  
ence of an amount of anti-  
Japanese feeling in the port, parti-  
cularly among the industrial  
workers, and it seems, according  
to the latest Reuter cable, that  
the situation is growing more  
serious. Meanwhile, almost next  
door, at Nanking, the Nationalist  
Government is functioning to all  
intents and purposes with good-  
will in its heart towards all  
foreigners. No doubt Hankow  
is, as it has been since the days  
of the ingenious Eugene Chen,  
the naughty little sister of the  
Nationalist regime, but the fact  
remains that Marshal Chiang  
must be more immediately respon-  
sible for what happens there than  
he is, say, responsible for what  
happens in Shanghai. This  
being so, we hope to receive news  
of the early suppression of all  
this mob-rule and general cussed-  
ness that characterises efforts to  
do business in the Wu-Han  
capital. The ministries at Nan-  
king, surely, have not forgotten  
the lesson of Tsinan; Japan, more  
than any other foreign nation,  
will be quick to restore order  
where such restoration, in the in-  
terests of her nationals, is desir-  
able and necessary.

The new heaven and the new  
earth will only be the unveiling to  
us of what already is. It is only  
our blindness that needs to be re-  
moved—only our spiritual facul-  
ties that need to be awakened.—  
Lucy Larcom.

Nine cases of small-pox (Chin-  
ese) were reported yesterday to-  
gether with one case of enteric  
fever; also Chinese.

Attention is drawn to the  
opening of the Grill in the Rose  
room of the Peninsula Hotel on  
Saturday, January 12. This will  
take the form of a Carnival din-  
ner dance. Tables can be booked  
at the Hong Kong or Peninsula  
Hotels.

The Asiatic Petroleum Co.,  
Ltd., have sent us a neat and  
useful diary, in which, besides  
the usual information, there is  
much interesting matter regard-  
ing the A.P.C.'s world-wide chain  
of bunkering stations, oil fuel, oil  
firing in industrial works, etc.

We have to acknowledge a  
handy pocket diary, full of useful  
information, together with a  
striking wall calendar, from the  
Asiatic Petroleum Company, Ltd.  
(oil fuel general department).  
The latter depicts a giant oil-  
burner with a battery of A.P.C.  
tanks in the background.

Estate in Hong Kong valued at  
\$15,700 was left by Chan Hang-  
man, who died intestate at Klui-  
kui village, Toisan district,  
Kwangtung. He is survived by a  
widow and five sons. Letters of  
administration have been grant-  
ed to Chan Wong Shi, the widow,  
of No. 125, Belcher-street, Hong  
Kong.

At the World Theatre yester-  
day morning, Mr. Clarke Irvine  
presented the superb nature film,  
the "Birth of a Flower" to a good  
audience who were much impress-  
ed. Those who have not yet seen  
this unique picture will do well to  
avail themselves of another  
chance which will be afforded them  
in the same theatre to-  
morrow morning. This will prob-  
ably be the last time that the film  
will be screened in Hong Kong.

### RICH MR. BARON

78TH BIRTHDAY LAST  
MONTH

Mr. Bernhard Baron, the  
tobacco magnate and philanthrop-  
ist, who was 78 last month, spent  
his birthday at his home at Hove.  
"I am feeling fit and well," he  
stated. "Hard work, plenty of it,  
and moderation in all things. Let  
that be your motto, and you won't  
go far wrong."

For the fourth year in suc-  
cession Mr. Baron has made a per-  
sonal present of one week's wages  
to each of his 3,000 employees at  
Carreras Ltd. Each of the work-  
ers also receives a birthday cake.  
About 236,000 was sent to 200  
hospitals, orphanages, and other  
charities from the Bernard Baron  
Charitable Trust.

Mr. Baron has altogether given  
away \$1,750,000.

### \$20,000 FOR HOSPITAL

Sir William Barry and Sir  
Gomer Barry have made a joint  
gift of \$20,000, payable over the  
next eight years, to the King  
Edward VII. Hospital, Windsor,  
in connection with the special ap-  
peal for \$25,000 which is being  
made to pay for the rebuilding  
of the two wards recently de-  
stroyed by fire and the traction of  
a new ambulance service.  
The sum of \$12,000 is still re-  
quired, and the special committee  
are organizing a series of appeal  
concerts, and other public fund-  
raising efforts, in the hope of  
raising the balance of the sum  
required.

### MACDONA PLAYERS

A CLEVER PLAY: CLEVERLY  
PLAYED

#### "THE DOCTOR'S DILEMMA"

Though Shaw is probably at  
his best in "The Doctor's  
Dilemma," this is not one of his  
best known plays. Last night in  
the Theatre Royal a very large  
house listened with extreme en-  
joyment to the barbed wit and  
sparkling gibes which, in a bril-  
liant setting, provided Hong Kong  
theatre-lovers with a rare enter-  
tainment.

The theme of the play presents  
a very delicate situation, handled  
by Mr. Frederick Keen, as Sir  
Colenso Ridgeway, very ably.

In the part of Sir Ralph Bloom-  
field Bonington, the voluble  
medical scientist, Shaw has let  
himself go with an abandon, and  
his character delightfully por-  
trayed by Mr. Stanley Drewitt  
provided throughout a rare feast  
of humour which lightened the  
rather sombre atmosphere of the  
plot.

The part of Sir Patrick Cullen,  
very cleverly played by Mr. A. S.  
Homewood, also gives Shaw the  
opportunities he so loves of "let-  
ting down" the self-opinionated  
and arrogant social success.

Mr. Terence O'Brien, as Louis  
Dubedat was the delightful all-  
round blackguard who kept us  
alternately despising and loving  
the character, but the death scene  
was not appreciated by a section  
of the audience who apparently  
were unused to Shaw's sudden  
alternations from comedy to deep  
pathos.

The medical profession is cari-  
catured in the play in a highly  
diverting manner, the small  
group of professional men provid-  
ing striking contrasts, and in a  
small part Dr. Schutzmacher was  
cleverly portrayed by Mr. Cecil  
De Lee. Daphne Carr, as Mrs.  
Dubedat, gave an extremely artis-  
tic rendering of another of Shaw's  
very difficult characters, and  
Joan Blair's entrances as Emmy  
invariably kept the audience in a  
titter.

"Mrs. Warren's Profession" is  
the play for to-night and to-  
morrow night.

### KIDNAPPED

ABDUCTORS TAKE WEALTHY  
MERCHANT

#### SHANGHAI OUTRAGE

Shanghai, Dec. 6.  
A daring kidnapping on busy  
Nanking-road and in full view of  
scores of persons took place last  
night when Mr. Zee Poo-sung,  
wealthy gold bar shop merchant,  
was abducted by five men, all  
armed with pistols.

Mr. Zee emerged from his shop,  
38A, Nanking-road, about 10  
o'clock. His car, with two chauff-  
eurs was standing nearby await-  
ing him. As he neared the car,  
five men loitering near drew  
pistols, covered the chauffeurs,  
shoved Zee into the vehicle and  
hurriedly compelled the chauffeurs  
to drive off in the direction of the  
Bund.

At the Bund they turned and  
drove to Avenue Edward VII.  
The chauffeur at the wheel was  
then ordered to drive to Great  
Western-road and thence to  
Columbia-road and into Chinese  
territory.

#### Thrown From Car

In Chinese territory the chauff-  
eurs, both very young Chinese,  
were thrown from the car and  
threatened with death if they  
made an outcry. One of the kid-  
nappers seated himself at the  
wheel and drove the car, contain-  
ing the other four and the vic-  
tim, toward the Settlement, driv-  
ing at a high rate of speed.

The chauffeurs ran back into  
the Settlement and created such an  
alarm that police from the  
Bubbling Well Station, hurried to  
the scene. The kidnappers, how-  
ever, made their getaway. De-  
tective Sub-Inspector Tinkler is  
conducting an investigation.  
At a late hour last night, police  
of all stations were on the alert  
for the motor car, which bore  
licence number 496.—"Shanghai  
Times."

### MR. J. SEXTON, M.P.

PENSION FROM HIS  
UNION

Mr. James Sexton, the  
"Dockers" M.P., will this month  
receive a pension from his union,  
the Transport and General  
Workers' Union.  
Formerly general secretary of  
the old Dockers' National Union,  
Mr. Sexton is now national super-  
visor of the docks section of the  
Transport and General Workers'  
Union. He was elected M.P. for  
St. Helens in 1918, and still holds  
the seat. In addition to his politi-  
cal and trade union work, he has  
written stories and plays, and  
has published a book on the  
dockers' strike of 1912.

### P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A youthful disbeliever, after  
being told that animals are soul-  
less, asked: "If cats don't go to  
heaven, where do angels get the  
strings for their harps from?"

Two city men were discussing  
a few addition to a certain board  
of directors.

"I hear he has got a handle to  
his name," remarked one.  
"Well," returned the other, "he  
was always a bit of a mug!"

Pearson-Scandia Correspond-  
ence in the Paulsbo, Wash.,  
"Herald": "Carl Luttinen and  
wife, also Howard Johnson and  
wife, were week-end visitors at  
their respective homes."—De-  
troit Free Press.

"Why, you are a stranger,"  
exclaimed the youth in the bright  
socks, to the pretty girl outside  
the Post Office.

She drew herself up to her full  
height.

"I think," she remarked in icy  
tones, "that you are making a  
mistake. We have never met be-  
fore."

"Just what I said," replied the  
youth, cheerfully, "You ARE a  
stranger."

It was a football match, and one  
spectator was continually shout-  
ing out encouragement to his  
side, which annoyed a supporter  
of the opposite side.

"Lovely, Jones! Beautiful,  
Smith! Pretty, Williams!" he  
shouted, whenever one of these  
did clever work.

At last the supporter of the  
other side could stand it no longer.  
"Hill! You in front!" he  
bawled, "Give it a rest! This is  
a football match, not a beauty  
competition!"

Old Man: Can you give my  
daughter the luxuries to which  
she is accustomed?

Suitor: "I ought to, I'm the  
one who accustomed her to them."

Teacher: "Now, Tommy, if I  
take a potato and cut it in half,  
then in quarters, and then in half  
again, what shall I have?"

Tommy: "Please, miss, chips."

The husband and wife had an  
altercation in the tramcar and re-  
miniscences were banded about  
irrespective of the sniggers of  
"listeners in."

"Now, what did you do at  
V—'s?" demanded the woman.

"You—"

"Here, dry up!" said the man.

"Why quarrel in public? What  
have we got a home for?"

Lady (to sweep): "I suppose  
you wash before having your  
meals?"

Sweep: "Not to-day, lady,  
we're having black puddings for  
dinner."

Teacher: "Why were you ab-  
sent yesterday, Mary?"

Mary: "Please, miss, I had a  
sore neck, and my mother was up  
all night putting on hot lamenta-  
tions."

A small boy recently tendered  
two farthings to the conductor of  
a motor bus with the remark  
"Half, please."

The conductor held the small  
coins in his palm and was heard  
to mutter: "Blime, they'll be  
bringing jam-jars next."

The little man hurried into the  
hospital, anxiety written on his  
face.

"My wife did not keep an ap-  
pointment to meet me," he said,  
and I believe a woman answer-  
ing her description was injured  
in a motoring accident and  
brought here."

"A woman was admitted a few  
hours ago," he was told, "but she  
hasn't spoken yet."

The little man turned to leave.  
"That's not my wife," he said  
reflectively.

Brown and Smith were telling  
stories about large families with  
whom they had come in contact.  
Brown happened to remark that  
he was a member of a big family  
himself.

"Indeed," said his friend.

"How many of you are there?"

"Well, there were ten of us  
boys," said the other, "and each  
of us had a sister."

"Good gracious!" exclaimed  
Smith. "Then there were twenty  
of you?"

"No; only eleven," was the  
answer.

M.P. He celebrated his 72nd  
birthday last spring.

Mr. Sexton stated, recently, "I  
will still be retained in a com-  
mittee of inquiry, I am not retir-  
ing."



## WILLIAM HEUGHAN

MANY SIDES TO HIS SINGING

## LOCAL CONCERTS

"Endowed" by nature with a voice of great range, quality and expressiveness, splendidly trained according to sound principles of vocal technique, blessed with a mental and artistic equipment commensurate with the magnitude of his voice, and with every instinct of the true artist, William Heughan undoubtedly takes high rank among the world's greatest exponents of his art. He displays a catholicity of choice which none but a great artist could attempt without courting disaster, but with which he achieves a veritable triumph—or rather a series of triumphs. In many of his numbers Mr. Heughan rose to extraordinary heights of dramatic expression, and carried his audience with him all the way. He sang "Father O'Flynn" like an Irishman—indeed he was an Irishman at the moment, just as he was an Englishman native to Somerset when singing "Zummersetshire," and an Italian when singing "Si tra i ceppi" from Handel's "Bernice." Never was his pronunciation or accent at fault. Equally remarkable were the command of facial expression and gesture. Indeed it is not too much to say that the singer's characterization was a revelation.

This is an extract from one of many eulogistic appreciations given on William Heughan and his undoubtedly remarkable art. All who have not yet had the opportunity of hearing him should make a point of doing so at his concerts being given in the Theatre Royal on January 21 and 22.

## BUTTONS

AMUSING AND EXCITING STORY OF THE SEA

Jackie Coogan, as the hero of a dramatic adventure at sea, comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and Monday, in "Buttons," his latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production.

The story tells the fascinating struggle of a waif to go to sea, and his breath-taking adventures, once he accomplishes his ambition, aboard a gigantic ocean liner on which he is the official page boy. His boyish adoration is centered on the captain, who carries his fickle sweetheart on a journey across the sea. How Jackie discovers her disloyalty and circumvents it, bringing disgrace and punishment on himself, makes a thrilling picture with more than its share of humour and some poignant situations that grip the heart. Many notable actors appear in the supporting cast among them being Lars Hanson, Gertrude Olmsted and Roy D'Arcy.

## "ON YOUR TOES"

SPLENDID ACTION COMEDY AT WORLD

Reginald Denny's splendid comedy "On Your Toes" to-day and to-morrow. Grandma does not want her boy to get mixed up with the prize ring, but blood eventually tells. Even as a dancing master and although Grandma does her best to make her boy into a peaceful individual, the knock out punch shows itself. The story develops with the training for the championship fight, eventually the great grudge battle and at the end the girl waiting for the new champion.

## HAROLD LLOYD

THRILLS AND LAUGHS IN "SAFETY LAST"

Twelve stories above the ground. Clinging desperately to the side of the building is Harold Lloyd. The crowd below, at first amused but soon frightened, watch breathlessly while the bespectacled comedian continues his perilous climb, overcoming the most difficult obstacles in a hilarious manner.

This is just one of the many thrilling and amusing scenes in "Safety Last" which is to be shown to-day and to-morrow at the Star Theatre. Harold Lloyd is at his best. He has a huge bag of tricks up his sleeve and a recklessness in facing danger that is amazing. "Safety Last" has been shown in Hong Kong before, but many who have already seen it will undoubtedly go again.

## NAVAL MOVEMENTS

"CORNWALL" DUE BACK NEXT WEEK

H.M.S. "Cornwall" of the 5th Cruiser Squadron, arrived at Amoy yesterday from Shanghai and is due back in Hong Kong on Jan. 14.

H.M.S. "Petersfeld" arrived at Canton on Wednesday, from Hong Kong. H.M.S. "Foxglove" left Wei-hai-wei yesterday for Shanghai. H.M.S. "Magnolia" arrived at Wei-hai-wei yesterday from Tientsin.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS ISSUED FOR THE WEEK

## TRAINING CIRCULARS

Orders of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, issued to-day for the week, read as follows:—

Machine Gun Field Firing Competition:—The Competition was won by No. 1 Platoon with an average of 5.9.

The three next best averages are published for information:

Motor Cycle Section . . . 4.5.  
No. 2 Platoon . . . . . 4.3.  
No. 6 Platoon . . . . . 4.2.

The Commandant congratulates Lieut. H. Owen Hughes and all ranks of No. 1 Platoon on their win and the other units on their close finish.

Conference:—A conference of all Officers will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.45 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 to discuss the tactical exercise taking place on Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929.

Officers' Mess Meeting:—The Annual Meeting of the Officers' Mess will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 5.45 p.m.

Sergeants' Mess Meeting:—There will be a Sergeants' Mess Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. All members are expected to attend.

Field Day  
On Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929 a field firing tactical exercise will be carried out at Fanling in which all units of the Corps will participate. All ranks are requested to keep the day open.

Attendance at this field day will count as one day in camp.

Os. C. Units will submit probable numbers attending by 12 noon on Friday (Jan. 18, 1929).

## Musketry

The Reserve Company and No. 1 Platoon will fire Part II Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, Jan. 13, 1929.

Range Officer: Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order i.e. rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, Jan. 11, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 12, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

This is the last day allotted to the Reserve Company and No. 1 Platoon.

## Training Circulars

Training Circulars Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of 1929 have been issued to all Os. C. Units on Jan. 9, 1929.

Musketry Programme: January—May, 1929 Table "T" Parts I and II at Stonecutters Range.

Sunday, Jan. 27. The Battery and Reserve Company.

Sunday, Feb. 3. Engineer Company and Corps Signals.

Sunday, Feb. 10. Chinese New Year Holiday.

Sunday, Feb. 17. M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Sunday, Feb. 24. Machine Gun Company.

Sunday, March 3. Scottish Company.

Sunday, March 10. Portuguese Company.

Sunday, March 17. The Battery and Reserve Company.

Sunday, March 24. Engineer Company and Corps Signals.

Sunday, March 31. Rifle Meeting.

Monday, April 1. Rifle Meeting.

Sunday, April 7. M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Sunday, April 14. Machine Gun Company.

Sunday, April 21. Scottish Company.

Sunday, April 28. Portuguese Company.

Sunday, May 5. Casuals.

Sunday, May 12. Casuals.

Sunday, May 19. Casuals.

Corps Band

Full Band Practices for the G. O. C.'s Inspection will be held at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp as hereunder, dress mufli:

Friday, Jan. 11—Lecture Room under Corps Bandmaster.

Tuesday, Jan. 15—Lecture Room under Corps Bandmaster.

Wednesday, Jan. 16—Parade Ground, marching and playing under Regular Instructor.

Band Sergeant will arrange to draw New Corps Badges now available, for use on Card Pouches, on Friday, Jan. 11.

Engineer Co.

The Engineer Company will attend Camp on Saturday, Jan. 19 and Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929 at Pak-shawan, in accordance with programme. Details will be issued separately.

All ranks of the Company are requested to communicate with C.S.M. R. J. Everest at once definitely stating if they are able to attend or not.

Corps Signals

Monday, Jan. 14, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

Mounted Infantry Co.

Thursday, Jan. 17, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction. Dress: Overalls.

## Armoured Car Co.

Car Section. Fridays, Jan. 11 and 18, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

Monday, Jan. 14, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

Motor Cycle Section. Monday, Jan. 14, 1929. All ranks parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

Field Day. Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929. It is hoped that every member will make a point of attending. Motor Cycle outfits will be in charge of L/Cpls. Rogers and Thomas.

Machine Gun Co.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Machine Gun Instruction under Subsection Commanders who are responsible for warning all members of their subsection for this parade. Dress: Overalls.

Musketry Part II The last opportunity for all members of the Company to fire in order to be efficient is Sunday Jan. 13 at Stonecutters Range. Officer: Lieut. H. Owen Hughes. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and calls at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. and arms may be drawn on Friday, Jan. 11, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 12, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but braces and pouches, rifle, belt, and bayonet must be taken.

Field Day Jan. 20. It is hoped that all ranks of the Company will turn up and so ensure a successful exercise. Full particulars will be given on parade on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Scottish Co.

Thursday, Jan. 17, 1929 Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun instruction, dress mufli, as follows:

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoon at Corps Headquarters.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.

Portuguese Co.

Friday, Jan. 18, 1929. The Company will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

Clothing and Equipment. All those who are deficient of any Clothing and Equipment will report to the Company Quartermaster Sergeant on Friday, Jan. 18, 1929.

Reserve Co.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1929 for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

Musketry Part II. The attention of all ranks is drawn to this Corps Order para. 6 regarding Part II to be fired by the Company on Sunday, Jan. 13, 1929.

Transfers

The following Officers are permitted to transfer to the Reserve of Officers, as from 1. 1. 29.

Major R. Melville Smith, M. B. E. from Engineer Company.

Lieut. R. L. Moncreiff from Armoured Car Company.

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2/Lieut. A. K. Mackenzie, from Scottish Company.

No. 955 L/Cpl. A. A. Dand is transferred from the Engineer Company to the Lights Section Cadre, as from 9. 1. 29.

Leave

2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine, Car Section, from 13. 1. 29. to 20. 2. 29.

No. 1320 Cpl. G. R. Razavet, No. 2 Platoon sick leave, from 10. 12. 28. to 9. 6. 29.

No. 1862 Pte. S. M. West, No. 1 Platoon sick leave, from 5. 1. 29. to 6. 2. 29.

No. 725 L/Cpl. G. P. Lammert, No. 1 Platoon, sick leave, from 15. 11. 28. to 31. 5. 29.

Struck off the Strength

Having left the Colony, as from 27. 12. 28.

No. 1267 Gnr. I. E. L. Mackay, The Battery.

Having purchased discharge, as from 4. 1. 29.

No. 1141 Spr. A. W. Hay-Edie, Engineer Company.

Notice

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club will hold their next meeting at the Peak Range on Sunday, Jan. 13, 1929 at 9.30 a.m. sharp and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

THE RECREIO PLAYERS SHOW UP WELL

"What Happened to Jones" was presented for the second time at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night, when the Recreio Amateur Players were given another fine reception by a large audience.

The players, all well chosen, sustained their roles with an ease of manner which added considerably to the enjoyment of the play. The humour with which the piece is well-spiced was well brought out, and the audience were not slow to show their approval.

The success of the play augurs well for the future of the Recreio Amateur Players.

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BROADCAST BY G.O.W. ON 300 METRES

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5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme (H.M. & Victor Records).

"Vocal Gems From The Bohemian Girl."

H.M.V. Light Opera Company: "Hello Cutie."

"Dixie Vagabond."

The Rounders with Piano. "Liebestraum (A Dream of Love)."

"Naila," Waltz.

Piano Solo. Wilhelm Bachaus. "I Think Of You."

"Is It British?"

Humorous with Piano. Norman Long.

"Martha-Overture" (Flotow).

Victor Symphony Orchestra. "La Capriciosa."

"Allegro."

Violin Solo. Master Yehudi Menuhin.

"Evening Star-Tannhauser."

"Two Grenadiers."

Baritone Reinold Werreuth. "Just Like Darby And Joan."

"Love Lies."

Organ Solo Reginald Foort. "Shepherd's Hay."

"Molly On The Shore."

Royal Opera Orchestra. "Bertram At The Rotary Dinner."

"Bertram Addresses The Tenants."

Will King's Humorous Talking. "Lilly Dale."

"The Hagel Dell."

"Olive Kline with Male Quartet. "Oh Promise Me."

"Love's Gipsy Of Roses."

Violin Solo Renee Chemet. "So Blue."

"A Tree In The Park."

Baritone Melville Gideon. "Londonderry Air."

"The Emperor Quartet."

Virtuoso String Quartet. "A Maori Slumber Song."

"Waluta Maori."

Soprano Francis Alda. "Cohen Rings Up His Tailor."

"Cohen On The Telephone."

Tom Clare. "Stradella," Overture (Flotow).

Victor Symphony Orchestra. 10 p.m.—News Bulletin.

"Gavotta Moderne."

"Sonata No. 1 Finale."

Organ Solo. G. D. Cunningham. "Absent."

"I Hear A Thrush At Ave."

Tenor Derek Oldham. "Espana Rhapsody."

Detroit Symphony Orchestra. "Madame Butterfly-Fantasia."

Victor Symphony Orchestra. God Save The King.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

AMATEUR ACTORS

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## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Theatre Royal; The Macdonald Players present "Mrs. Warren's Profession," at 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Declasse."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Way of All Flesh."

To-day—World Theatre; "On Your Toes."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Safety Last."

Jan. 13-14—Queen's Theatre; "Buttons."

Jan. 13-14—World Theatre; "Ben Hur."

Jan. 13-14—Star Theatre; "The Humming Bird."

Jan. 15-16—Queen's Theatre; "Love Hungry."

Jan. 15-16—World Theatre; "The Humming Bird (at 5.10 & 9.15); Chinese picture "The Spiders" (at 2.30 & 7.15).

Jan. 15-16—Star Theatre; "Dangerous Money."

Jan. 17-18—World Theatre; "Dangerous Money" (at 5.10 & 9.15); Chinese picture "The Spiders" (at 2.30 & 7.15).

Jan. 17-18—Star Theatre; "Proud Flesh."

Jan. 17-19—Queen's Theatre; "The Enemy."

Jan. 19-20—World Theatre; "Hot Water."

Jan. 19-20—Star Theatre; "The Love of Pharaoh."

Land Sale

Jan. 14—At P.W.D. Offices. Crown lands at Prince Edward Rd and Mong Kok Taul, 3 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions

Jan. 12—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., Miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

Jan. 14—At No. 3, Carnarvon Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Jan. 15—At Sales Room, a valuable collection of Curies, 2.30 p.m.

Sport

Jan. 12—At King's Park, Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club match, 3 p.m.

Meetings

To-day—Extraordinary general meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Club House, 6 p.m.

To-day—Hong Kong Football Referees' Association meeting, Chaplain's Hut, Scandal-Pt., 6 p.m.

Jan. 13—H.K.V.D.C. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club meeting, Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

Jan. 14—Conference of all officers (H.K.V.D.C.) at Headquarters, 5.45 p.m.

Jan. 17—Meeting of Creditors of the Hong Kong Finance & Investment Co.,



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**RESIDENTS BACK FROM LEAVE**

Many residents have just returned to Hong Kong after holidays at Home and elsewhere. For the first few days one's conscience can be calmed by thoughts that time is needed to unpack and to get settled down again. Then that letter must go.

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**"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"**

**BEER**  
**ALL-ENGLISH HIGH IN FAVOUR**  
**NORFOLK EXPERIMENT**

It has at last been shown, after many years of prejudice, that British barley makes the best beer, writes a correspondent of "The Times" from Norwich. An experiment begun here in July in producing ale at the ordinary price from nothing but English malted barley, hops and sugar, has proved a great success, and was referred to by the Minister of Agriculture recently in the House of Commons. The change has been welcomed by the whole countryside and the brewers have been unable to meet the demand for this beer which, in general character and flavour, is similar to the old-fashioned English ale. An extension of the movement to use only English barley is expected in the Eastern Counties and farmers hope to feel the benefit.

This all-English beer is dark-coloured ale, very much like the home-brewed for which England was once famous. It is almost as dark as port wine and is said to be remarkable for the full aroma of the malt and hops which it gives. It is not stronger than the beer brewed from foreign malt, which it has superseded. The relation of tax to gravity renders that impossible without a rise of price. Its popularity was immediate, and while this is partly accounted for by the wide publicity which the brew was given as "all-English beer," there is ample proof that it has been a success on its own merits. It was not only a success with the agricultural workers, who might be supposed to have an economic interest in it, but it also attracted a large volume of custom at Yarmouth during the holidays and so established the approval of good judges from other districts.

**Demand Exceeds Supply**  
The supplies sent to Yarmouth were very quickly sold out, and the demand for this beer labelled—"Manufactured only from British barley"—was soon more than the brewery could supply. In the countryside the workers are delighted with it. Some of the older ones have talked about the hope of once more getting beer such as they used to get in their youth. A number of them have gone so far as to send appreciative letters to the brewery here.

Perhaps the best proof of its success is to be found in the decision of the brewers to extend the principle to other grades. Already they have adopted all-English barley for their stout, and for winter consumption they are now brewing the strong beer known as "Stingo" from English barley only. This firm, Messrs. Steward & Patteson is still producing the lighter-coloured beer, generally known as "bitter," which it cannot yet guarantee to be "all-English," but Mr. J. F. Wright, secretary of the Norfolk County branch of the National Farmers' Union, told me that the firm hopes before long to brew that too from English grain.

**Triumph for Farmers**  
This success is a triumph for the Norfolk farmers, who for three years have been trying to break down the idea, firmly fixed in the minds of the brewers, that English barley could not be used for brewing beer. The price evidently is much less important than the quality, for in this case, foreign barley might have been bought by the brewers at much less than the English. Nevertheless, better beer at the same price has been offered to the public and has met with an overwhelming success. Gradually other brewers are coming round to the farmers' view. Another big firm of brewers here is using a great deal of English barley and is expected to absorb more next year. An important Ipswich brewery is rapidly approaching the stage at which it will be able to offer "all-English" beer to its customers.

The brewers have had two good crops for the start of this experiment. Last year's was fair; this year's is even better, so that the question of using the grain for beer when the crop is poor has not yet been faced. The farmers do not believe that this will prove a serious matter, and express the view that when the breweries have definitely changed over to the English product they will always be able to get satisfactory supplies. In Norwich they are in close touch with the brewers. They have inspected the brewery and satisfied themselves that the beer is "all-English," a certificate which the brewers were naturally glad to have. They have also recommended the brew to their members and others. They are hoping now for further developments, and they are determined to see that there shall be no use of the "all-English" label unless it is fully justified. At the same time they are proud of their share in bringing back to England its "real" old-fashioned beer.

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Bank, 4 months' sight	2/- 1/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/1 1/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/1 1/4
On Paris—	—
On demand	1257 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1332 1/2
On Berlin—	—
On demand	—
On New York—	—
On demand	40 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	50 1/2
On Bombay—	—
Wire	134 1/4
On demand	134 1/4
On Calcutta—	—
Wire	134 1/4
On demand	134 1/4
On Singapore—	—
On demand	87 1/4
On Manila—	—
On demand	98 1/4
On Shanghai—	—
On demand	78 1/4
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	—
On demand	107 1/2
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Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.55
Silver (per oz.)	26 7/16
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Kong	3% prem.
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Chinese Copper Cents	6% Prem.
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**LONDON EXCHANGES.**

	London, Yesterday.
Paris	124.10
New York	4.58 1/4
Brussels	34.905
Geneva	25.20 1/4
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Milan	92.70
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	13.13 1/2
Copenhagen	18.185
Oslo	18.195
Vienna	34.475
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	29.72
Lisbon	109
Athens	375
Bucharest	807 1/2
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Shanghai	2/7 1/4
Hong Kong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 9/16
Silver Spot	26 7/16
Silver Forward	26 1/2

**WATER SUPPLY**

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1929:

**CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.**

	1928	1929
Tyatam	12' 8" B 15' 8" B	12' 8" B 15' 8" B
Tyatam Bywash	28' 0" B 24' 0" B	28' 0" B 24' 0" B
Tyatam Intermediate	22' 6" B 2' 0" B	22' 6" B 2' 0" B
Tyatam Tuck	22' 6" B 2' 0" B	22' 6" B 2' 0" B
Wong Nei Chung	15' 4" B 24' 4" B	15' 4" B 24' 4" B
Pokfulum	10' 3" B 23' 2" B	10' 3" B 23' 2" B

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow".)  
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Tyatam	286.76	266.14
Tyatam Bywash	195.33	133.90
Tyatam Intermediate	105.00	92.00
Tyatam Tuck	92.68	522.00
Wong Nei Chung	13.46	7.03
Pokfulum	25.82	18.60

Total ..... 1,448.25 998.53

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1927	1928
Consumption	271.53	194.1
Estimated population	479,940	422,360

Consumption per head ..... 26.9 14.8

Full Supply in all Reservoirs Main Districts during December, 1927, with the exception of the districts of West of Eastern Street where an Intermittent Supply was given from December 1 to 31, 1927. Services to houses in the Hill Districts were discontinued and a supply was given by public street fountains daily during December 1928.

**KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.**

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir	7' 4" B 9' 0" B	7' 4" B 9' 0" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	1' 0" B 3' 0" B	1' 0" B 3' 0" B
Reception Reservoir	2' 0" B 1' 0" B	2' 0" B 1' 0" B

Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir	850.42	250.74
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	96.87	104.10
Reception Reservoir	27.34	28.75

Total ..... 974.63 383.59

T.T. on London ..... 2/0 1/4  
T.T. on Shanghai ..... 78 1/4

**Banks**

Hong Kong Bank	\$1350 b
H.K. London Reg.	\$148 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	\$22 b
Mercantile A. & B.	\$24 n
Mercantile C.	\$14 1/4 n
P. & O. Bank	\$2 1/4 n
Bank of East Asia	\$87 b

**Insurances**

Canton Insurance	\$677 1/2 b
Union Insurance	\$368 1/2 b
North China Insurance	\$160 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$850 n
China Underwriters	\$2.40 s
China Fire Insurance	\$280 b
Hong Kong Fire Insurance	\$780 n

**Shipping**

Douglases	\$38 1/2 n
H.K. Steamboats	\$29 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	\$1.40 n
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$50 b
Indo-China (Def.)	\$90 b
Shell Transports	\$116/- n
Union Water-Boats	\$23 1/4 b

**Mining**

Benguets	\$2.40 b
Kailan Mining Ad.	70/- b
Langkats (Combined)	\$10.60 n
Langkats (Single)	\$15 1/4 n
Shanghai Explorations	\$2.90 n
Shanghai Loans	\$73 b
Raubs	\$5 1/2 n
Tronoh Mines	\$17/6 n

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$134 n
H.K. & W. Docks	\$40 b
China Providents	\$5.30 b
Hongkews	\$162 b
New Engineerings	\$15 1/4 n
Shanghai Docks	\$196 n

**Cotton Mills**

Ewo Cottons	\$13.20 b & s
Oriental Cottons	\$2 1/4 n
Shanghai Cottons (Old)	\$65 1/4 b
Shanghai Cottons (New)	\$72 b

**Lands, Hotels & Buildings**

H.K. & S. Hotels	\$9.35 s
Hong Kong Lands	\$64 1/4 b
Shanghai Lands	\$165 b
Humphreys Estates	\$14.80 b
Hong Kong Realities	\$2.20 b & s
H.K. Territorials	—
Prince's Buildings	—

**Public Utilities**

H.K. Tramways	\$20 1/4 n
Peak Tram (old)	\$13 s
Peak Tram (new)	\$6.80 n
Star Ferries	\$73 1/2 n
China Lights (comb.)	—
China Lights (old)	\$12.40 sa
China Lights (new)	—
China Lights 1928 issue	—
H.K. Electric (old)	\$53 1/2 b

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Electric (new)	\$52 1/4 b
Macao Electric	\$26 1/4 b
H.K. Telephone	\$7 b old
	\$6.90 b new
China Buses	\$11 1/4 b
Singapore Tractions	\$12/- n
Singapore Pref.	\$17/6 b 18/3 s
Sandakan Ltd.	\$5 n

**Industrials**

China Sugars	80 cts. n
Malayan Sugars	\$23 1/4 b
Canton Ices	\$9 1/2 n
Cements (comb.)	\$10.35 s
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Cements (old)	\$7.80 n
Cements (new)	\$12 1/4 b
Hong Kong Ropes (old)	\$7.60 n
Hong Kong Ropes (new)	\$7.55 n
United Asbestos	\$5 n

**Stores, &c.**

Dairy Farms	\$21 1/4 s 22 sa
Watsons	\$13.30 n
Der A. Wings	80 cts. b
Lane, Crawfords	\$8.05 n
Mackintoshs	\$20 n
Sincerus	\$9 1/2 b
Wm. Powells	\$3.65 n

**Miscellaneous**

Hong Kong Amusements	\$28 1/2 s
Hong Kong Constructions	\$12 1/4 n
B. Ind. G. Bonds	68 1/2 n
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% Prem. s

**REPARATIONS EXPERTS**

Paris, Yesterday.

The Reparations Commission has appointed the following experts to sit on the Reparations Committee. France, M. M. Moreau and Farnetier; Italy, Signor Pirelli and Francqui and Gutt; Japan, MM. Momy, Mori and Aoki. The American experts have not yet been nominated.—Reuter.

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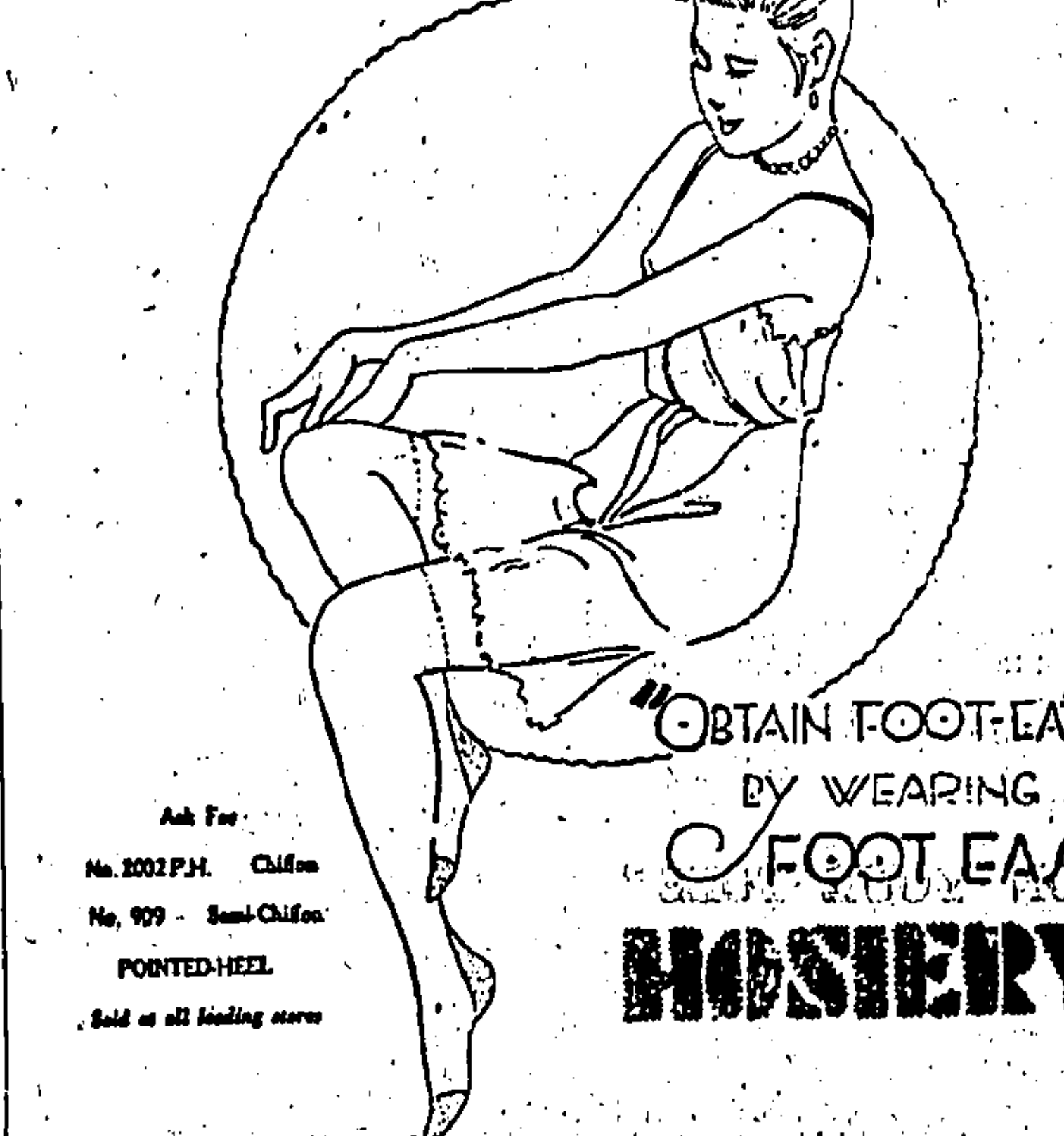
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[By "Rover."]

**Hong Kong Shield Competition**  
(Kick-off 2.30 p.m.)  
Royal Navy v. 2nd K.O.S.B. Regt., Caroline Hill—referee, Mr. Hollands.  
(Kick-off 4.00 p.m.)  
Club Recreio v. Hong Kong Club, King's Park—referee, Capt. Austin, R.A.  
**Hong Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.00 p.m.**  
Queen's Regt. v. Kowloon, Kowloon ground—referee, L.S.B.A. Atkinson.  
Small Units v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo—referee, C.F.O. Cowan.  
Police v. South China, Caroline Hill—referee, Mr. Smith.  
**Hong Kong Junior Shield Competition—kick off 2.30 p.m.**  
R.A. v. South China B, Sookumpoo—referee, Pte. Farnsworth.  
Chinese Ath. B. v. Recreio, Chinese ground—referee, L/C. Grieve.  
South China A. v. Queen's Regt., Navy ground, Happy Valley—referee, Mr. Lawrence.  
Chinese Ath. A. v. K.O.S.B. Regt., Club ground—referee, C.P.L. Sheard.  
Police v. Kowloon, St. Joseph's ground—referee, Mr. Ip Kau-ko.  
The Hong Kong Shield Competition commences to-morrow, there being two fine matches in the Senior Division, one at King's Park and one at Caroline Hill. There are in addition three Senior League matches and five Junior Division Shield matches, all grounds on both sides of the Harbour being occupied.

At King's Park the meeting of the Club and Recreio should provide a splendid struggle. Both Clubs are at their strongest, and will field several players who have been wisely saving themselves for the Shield. King's Park is on the small side and good forwards have not the chances here as on other grounds. A great match this should prove, and the advantage of ground should just weigh in in Recreio's favour, whom I expect to see win if Goldman is subdued.

The meeting of Royal Navy and K.O.S.B. Regiment should also provide a stern struggle as the "Borderers" are strong Shield fighters, and Royal Navy, the surprise team of the Competition, may be on one of their bright days as on Saturday last, when they scored a meritorious win over the Queen's Regt. at Chatham-road. Navy on Saturday are fielding a very useful side and this game may go the whole course without result, but Navy are just good enough to win on form as the Regiment have shown a slight falling off recently.

The meeting of South China and Police at Caroline Hill is the big match of the day. Police are going strong, their recent performances being noteworthy, they having defeated Queen's Regt., R.A., and Navy in successive matches while South China is still hanging on gamely to an unbroken record. The Police who are strong throughout will thoroughly test the locals who will need to play better than they did on Saturday last against the Club. It should be a most exciting match, with two teams of widely differing styles, but I think South China's speed will be a big factor and if they pick up their chances (a big if), they should retain their fine record to date.

Small Units do not appear to have much chance against the smart Athletic, although the latter are not fielding their topweight these days. Capable reserves are being tried out and have done well and I think the Athletic with several reserves will still get the points with a bit in hand. Small Units are however to be commended for sticking it and can console themselves over their lowly position with the fact that they still come up smiling weekly which is a tribute to their sportsmanship all round.

The Queen's Regt. v. Kowloon match by arrangement is being played on the Kowloon A.F.C. ground, and Kowloon spectators should have a good afternoon's sport. Queen's have struck a poor patch lately and have gone down three important League matches by the bare margin of a goal.

The Queen's will come again as they possess the forwards, on their day the best line in the League, but one or two are suffering from strenuous games. Last season Kowloon won by 4-3 after Queen's had led three times a great match with Northey getting 3 goals. I expect a similar match for brightness to-morrow, but I think Queen's will reverse the verdict.

Form in the Junior Division may be a bit upset as the excitement of the Shield ties brings the best and worst out of many players but wins should be recorded by R.A., Recreio, Queen's Regt., Chinese Athletic "A", and Kowloon in a fine series of draws.

The League Tables to date are appended. The R.A. by their mid-week win, rise in the table at the expense of the Small Units, the struggle in the 1st League being of a very interesting nature.

## Present Positions in the Leagues

Division I.									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		
S. China	9	8	1	0	19	6	17		
Athletic	10	6	3	1	24	14	15		
Queen's	10	7	0	3	24	9	14		
Police	10	6	2	2	19	12	14		
R.A.	11	6	0	5	20	15	12		
K.O.S.B.	10	5	1	4	23	13	11		
Recreio	11	4	3	4	32	25	11		
Navy	11	3	1	7	15	19	7		
Kowloon	10	2	3	5	9	16	7		
H.K.F.C.	10	2	2	6	14	31	6		
Small Units	12	0	12	6	50	6	0		

Division II.									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		
Navy	11	9	1	1	55	11	19		
K.O.S.B.	10	8	1	1	52	9	17		
Queen's	9	6	2	1	34	14	14		
Athletic	9	6	2	1	23	8	13		
S. China	11	5	2	4	18	21	12		
Eastern	11	3	4	4	17	21	10		
Small Units	13	3	6	7	16	40	9		
R.A.F.	11	3	2	6	22	28	8		
St. Joseph's	12	3	2	7	14	22	8		
S. China "A"	12	1	6	5	15	28	8		
R.A.	10	3	2	5	18	34	8		
Recreio	12	3	2	7	14	39	8		
Kowloon	11	2	4	5	10	33	8		

## Jottings

The Interport Trial on Wednesday last on the Club ground was not a big success and I could not see that the Committee present were given much help in the matter of selection from the display given. In the first place, the Interport team played one short, which marred the first half and when the side was completed in the second half and we got some goals, the Interport side were not responsible for all the good play by any means. Suen got the goals for Interport and improved his reputation as a deadly shot, but the striking weakness of the Interport halves this year is going to cause a lot of difficulty in selection.

The halves on Wednesday did not play up to Club form for them, and certainly not Interport, the absence of good feeding being a marked feature. Future practices will be watched with interest but a side with Suen, Goldman and Gosano inside forwards, has got

to beat an ordinary club side much more decisively on play than Wednesday's side did even if they don't score a lot of goals. On Wednesday Navy were slightly unlucky to lose and might easily have won, so the sooner the real Interport side get together and show what they can do with our best Club side or sides the better. The selection of Rocha out of position also is to be deprecated, as fine player though Rocha is as inside left, why persevere in this direction when we have already wingers of better ability.

The Interport team should be the considered best men in their own positions. It is not for an international Committee to start ringing changes which Clubs would not dare do. However, this is a matter of opinion and the changing of Gosano to inside right is absolutely necessary probably to allow both Goldman and him in the team; and there's not a lot in an inside forward changing to inside anywhere, but a winger is distinctly a different class of player to an inside. We will not get the best team out if this policy is continued.

Football enthusiasts will regret the impending departure of the Queen's Regiment whose stay in the Colony has been marked with high sportsmanship on the Football Field and Sports Fields generally, and Hong Kong is losing one of the smartest regiments of the new smart British Army.

## Teams For To-morrow

Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong Club, Hong Kong Shield.  
Hong Kong F.C.—Edwards; Holt, Bishop; Wallington, Stewart, McBride; Watson, Alexander, Goldman, Scott, Trambitzky.  
Reserve: Reid.

Club Recreio: Baltrao; Silva-Netto, Xavier; C. Remedios, A. Remedios, Souza; B. Gosano, Ward, A. Gosano, Rocha, Brown.

Queen's Regt. v. Kowloon, Hong Kong League 1st Division.

Kowloon: Angus; Guest, Pile; Hedley, Easterbrook, Robson; Hannan or Clemo, Davis, Spary, Miles, Baldwin.

Royal Navy v. K.O.S.B. Regt., Hong Kong Shield.

Royal Navy: Brockman ("Titanian"); Carey ("Hermes"), Baker ("Titanian"); Cope ("Tamar"), Perks ("Berwick"), Evans ("Iroquois"); Van Tromp ("Hermes"), Firth ("Hermes"), Evans ("Bruce"), Kernick ("Titanian"), Preston ("Petersfield").

South China v. Police, Hong Kong League 1st Division.

South China: Pau Ka-ping; Li Tin-sang, Yu Chuk-wa, Leung Wing-tak, Pang Wa-hing, Leung Wing-chiu; Li Tin-choy, Pau Ka-chuen, Fung King-cheung, Lau Mau, Ip Pak-wa.

## BILLIARDS

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat the European "Y" at billiards of 294 points. Scores:—

E. R. Ponsford	200
W. R. Hillier	108
W. Taylor	138
W. Fogwill	153
C. Pile	125
T. J. Richards	135

Total ..... 854

## Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Kwok Siu-cheung	148
Yeung Pak-nin	200
Yick Tat-ting	200
Leung Kah-cha	200
Lo Hau-kan	200
T. C. Cheah	200

Total ..... 1,148

Breaks:—Kwok Siu-cheung 40; Ponsford 28.

## LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB

There will be a game at King's Park on the Hong Kong Hockey Club ground, on Saturday, January 12, 1929, at 3 p.m.

If the inaccessibility of Twickenham keeps away the sensation-seeker, those of us who love the game for its own sake will endure our discomforts all the more happily.—H. P. Marshall.

## GOLF

## STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

## AT FANLING

8.44 a.m.	F. A. Merry, C. E. Holmes.
8.52 "	E. D. Matthews, A. T. Lay.
9.00 "	A. E. Wood, E. W. Hamilton.
9.08 "	T. Ramsay, S. Berg.
9.24 "	A. E. Lissaman, K. S. Robertson.
9.28 "	C. Mycock, J. P. Sherry.
9.32 "	C. B. Riggs, J. Thayer.
9.36 "	C. B. Johnson, H. F. Bloxham.
9.40 "	E. R. Hallifax, J. Cameron.
9.44 "	E. L. Sim, F. A. Perry.
9.48 "	E. M. Bryden, W. D. Browne.
9.52 "	G. W. Reeves, B. H. C. Hallows.
9.56 "	O. E. C. Marton, I. W. Shewan.
10.00 "	E. P. Fletcher, D. M. Goodall.
10.04 "	A. D. Humphreys, L. G. S. Dodwell.
10.08 "	A. B. Stewart, J. H. Raikes.
10.12 "	H. H. Lennox, W. J. Clerk.
10.16 "	A. W. Hodges, C. J. Waddell.
10.20 "	A. G. Coppin, S. S. Perry.
10.24 "	C. W. Jeffries, J. Coulthart.
10.28 "	G. Gimble, C. Thwaites.
10.32 "	A. Ritchie, A. Ritchie.
10.36 "	K. E. Greig, L. Yates.
10.40 "	B. D. F. Beith, E. D. Black.
10.44 "	W. D. Fiddes-Wilson, R. A. Green.
10.48 "	A. H. Ferguson, R. M. McLay.
10.52 "	I. H. Geare, G. Smith.
10.56 "	W. B. Cornaby, M. G. Mills.
11.00 "	H. W. Moon, W. Boyeridge.
11.04 "	D. Forbes, D. J. Gilmore.
11.08 "	E. Des Voeux, R. Greensmith.
11.12 "	T. L. Christie, H. U. Ireland.
11.16 "	S. T. Butlin, A. Leach.
11.20 "	N. V. Croucher, L. R. Andrews.
11.24 "	L. M. S. Lloyd, A. C. I. Bowker.
11.28 "	A. B. Purges, N. K. Littlejohn.
11.32 "	G. Towns, G. E. Mitchell.
11.36 "	E. Stone, H. F. Sommers.
11.40 "	R. Young, E. D. Lawrence.
11.44 "	F. Lobel, H. A. Mills.
11.48 "	H. G. Howard, J. Gardner.
11.52 "	B. J. Lacon, E. Kern.
11.56 "	J. P. Warren, F. Syme Thomson.
12.00 "	T. A. Martin, W. Clerk.

Hart, England's new centre-half, has made a debut in representative play as convincing as any post-war performance we can recall. In attack and defence his touch is sufficiently shrewd to suggest that here is the real successor to Joseph McCall, the swarthy stalwart of Preston North End.—"Athletic News."



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## STEEPLECHASING

## FANLING HUNT-NEW YEAR MEETING

## CHANGE OF ORDER OF RACES

The order of races for the Fanling Hunt's New Year steeplechase meeting, at Kwant, on Saturday week, January 19, has been changed. Entries (and weights in the handicap, others being weight for inches with penalties and allowances) are as follows:—

January Plate (1 1/4 miles)  
Aristophanes, Blotting Paper, Caviare, Craigavad, Durham, Loch Rannoch, My Lady, Old Man River, Skipper, Solitaire.  
New Year Maidens (1 mile)  
Bay Rum, Bouktra, Chicot, Chokra, Fire Call, Grey Mist, Knave of Diamonds, May, Movansgher, Newfoundland, Peldin, Sea Hawk, Sheila, Tamerlan, Target, Wowser.  
Winter Handicap (1 1/4 miles)  
My Lady (165 lbs.), Caviare (168 lbs.), Borderer (155 lbs.), Blotting Paper (165 lbs.), Loch Rannoch (162 lbs.), Little River (150 lbs.), Pekin (150 lbs.), Tap Slac (150 lbs.), Slang River (150 lbs.).

Grand Military Cup (2 1/4 miles)  
Ace of Spades, As You Like It, Cumberland, Dumbell, Grey Eyes, Honeymoon, James Pigg, Kiangsu, Little River, Tommy.  
"Good Resolution" Stakes (1 round)  
Ace of Spades, Aristophanes, As You Like It, Bay Rum, Blotting Paper, Borderer, Bouktra, Caviare, Chicot, Chokra, Craigavad, Cumberland, Dumbell, Durham, Fire Call, Grey Eyes, Grey Mist, Honeymoon, James Pigg, Kiangsu, Knave of Diamonds, Little River, Loch Rannoch, May, Movansgher, Mowgli, My Lady, Newfoundland, Old Man River, Pekin, Sea Hawk, Sheila, Slang River, Skipper, Social Call, Solitaire, Tamerlan, Tap Slac, Target, Tarzall, Tommy, Wowser.

## SCHNEIDER CUP

## DETAILS OF THE RACE

London, Yesterday.  
This year's international seaplane contest for the Schneider trophy, which was won last year by Great Britain, has been fixed to take place on September 6 and 7 over the Solent. The first day will be devoted to tests of navigability and seaworthiness.  
The actual race is over seven circuits of a 50 kilometre triangular course, equivalent to a distance of 218 miles in all, and will take place, weather permitting, on Saturday September 7.—British Wireless Service.



Newport News, Va.—An imposing view of the new 514-mile G87,000,000 Newport News-James River bridge, taken from the 147-foot high lift span, just after the inauguration ceremonies. By pressing a button in Washington, President Coolidge formally opened the huge project.

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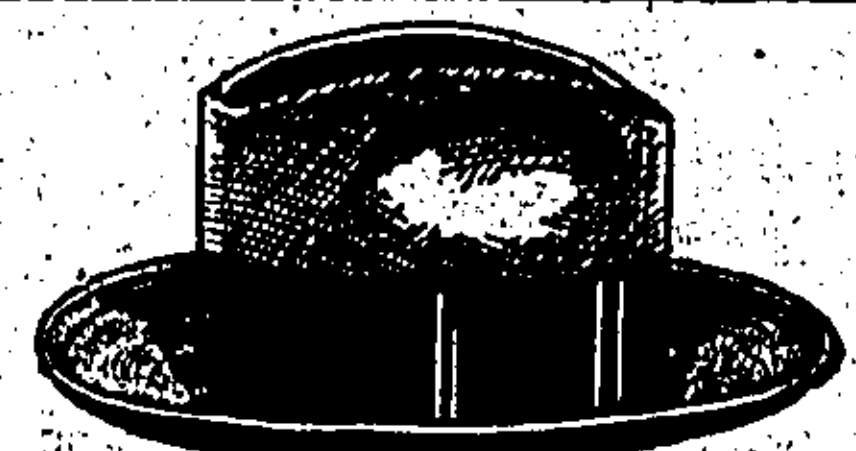
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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Tallulah Bankhead



Miss Tallulah Bankhead, a favourite of the London stage, and her fiance, Count Anthony Bondari.

Out for Record



Flying Officer Owen, relief pilot and relief mechanic of the "Spirit of Australia," a Ryan monoplane in which an attempt is being made to make a record flight between Sydney and London.

Now Friends



Captain Rene Fonck (left), the greatest living French war ace, and Captain Ernst Udet, a German with 62 Allied 'planes to his credit, once engaged in personal combats high above the battle lines in France. They met when Fonck was invited to Berlin in connection with holding of the Pan-German Aviation Show and exchanged reminiscences.

4,600-Miles Flight



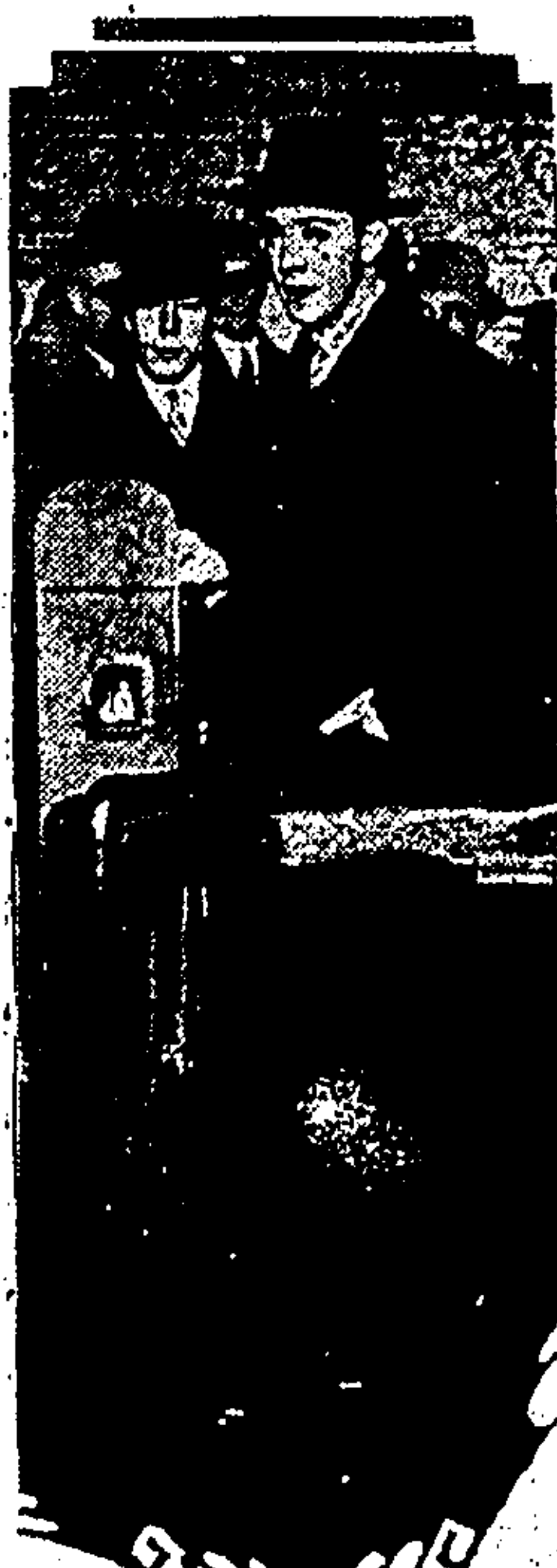
Lieut. Benjamin Mendez, ace of the Colombian air service, who planned a 4,600 miles flight. His 'plane is a Curtiss Falcon which he has named the "Ricaurte" after the famous Colombian patriot.

Swedish Prince's Bride



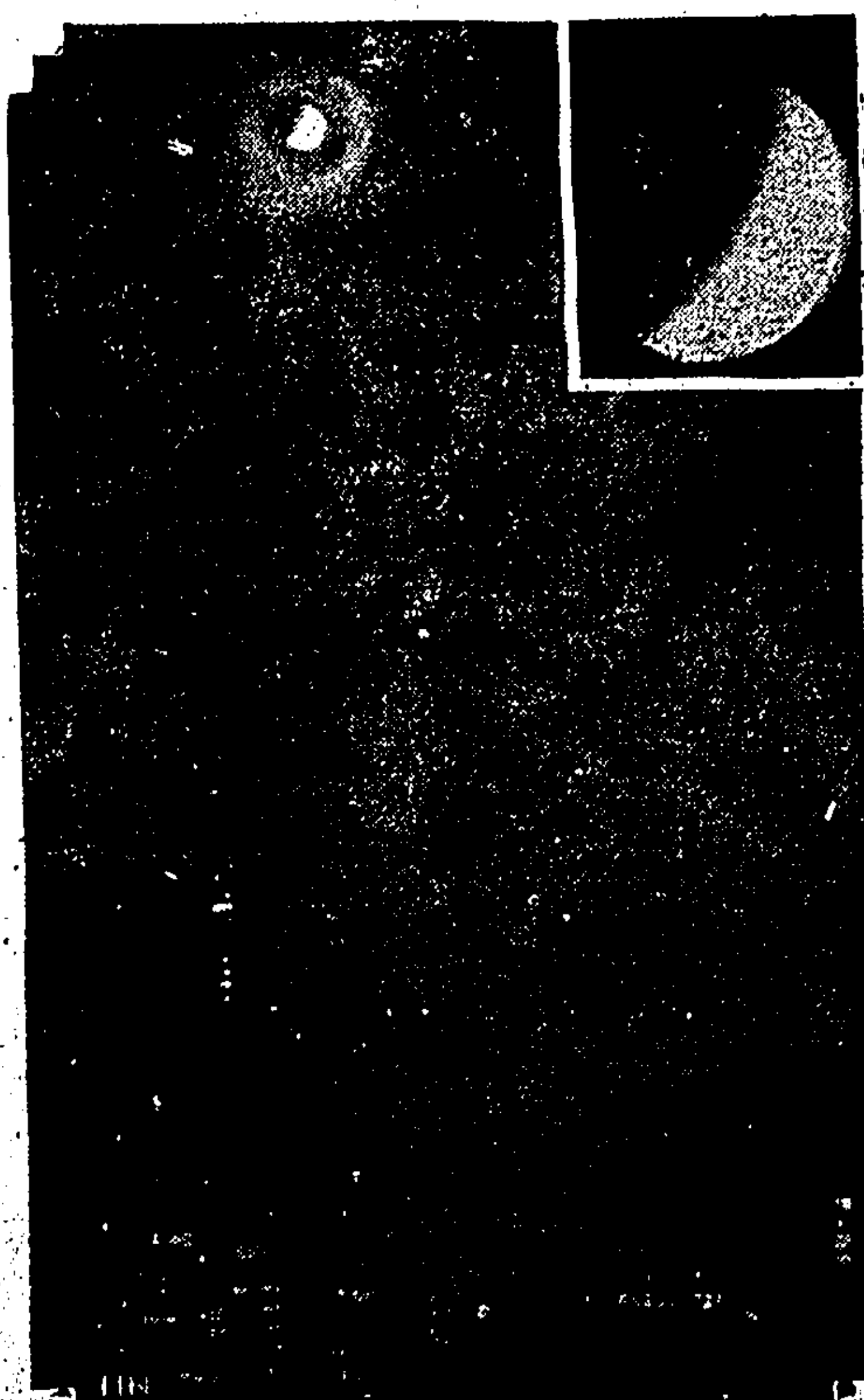
Miss Estelle Manville, an American Girl, who has become the bride of Count Folke Bernadotte, son of Prince Oscar of Sweden. Photo shows the happy couple shortly after their engagement was announced.

Swedish Princes



Gustavus Adolphus, Crown Prince of Sweden (right), and his brother, Prince Sigvard.

The Moon in an Unusual Mood



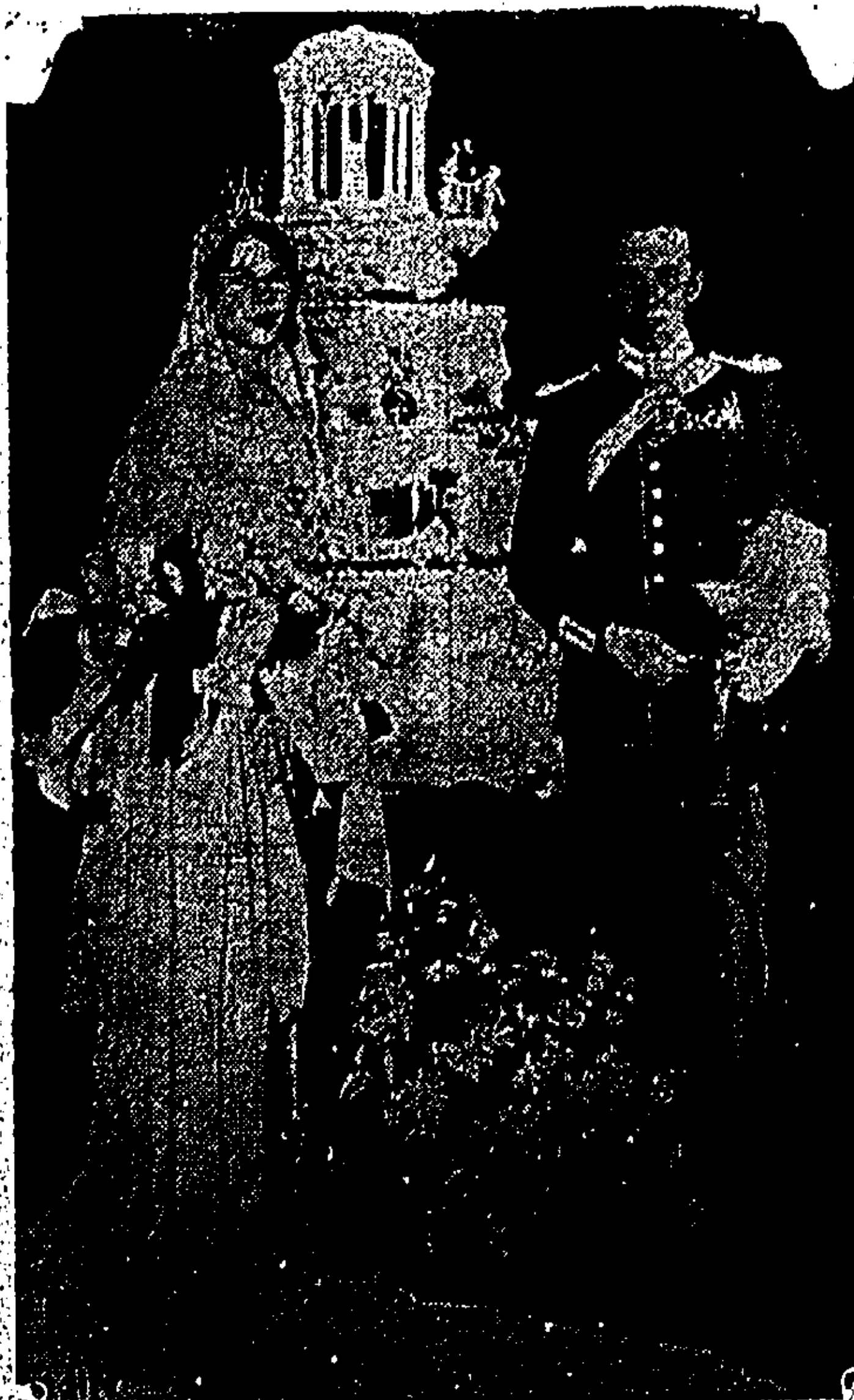
Here are two remarkable photos of the Moon's eclipse as the phenomenon was seen in New York. The tall-spired Gothic temple in the foreground is the Woolworth building, over which the planet hangs like a ball of fire.

French War Nurse



Behind the bars of a prison in New York, Mathias May, a French war nurse, awaited trial for the alleged murder of her sweetheart, Andrew de Vola. Her defence was financed by war veterans' societies.

Wedding Cake 2½ Feet High



Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden and his Countess, formerly Miss Estelle Manville, daughter of the "Aloisius King," following the ceremony at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Behind the happy couple is their 2½ ft. high wedding cake.

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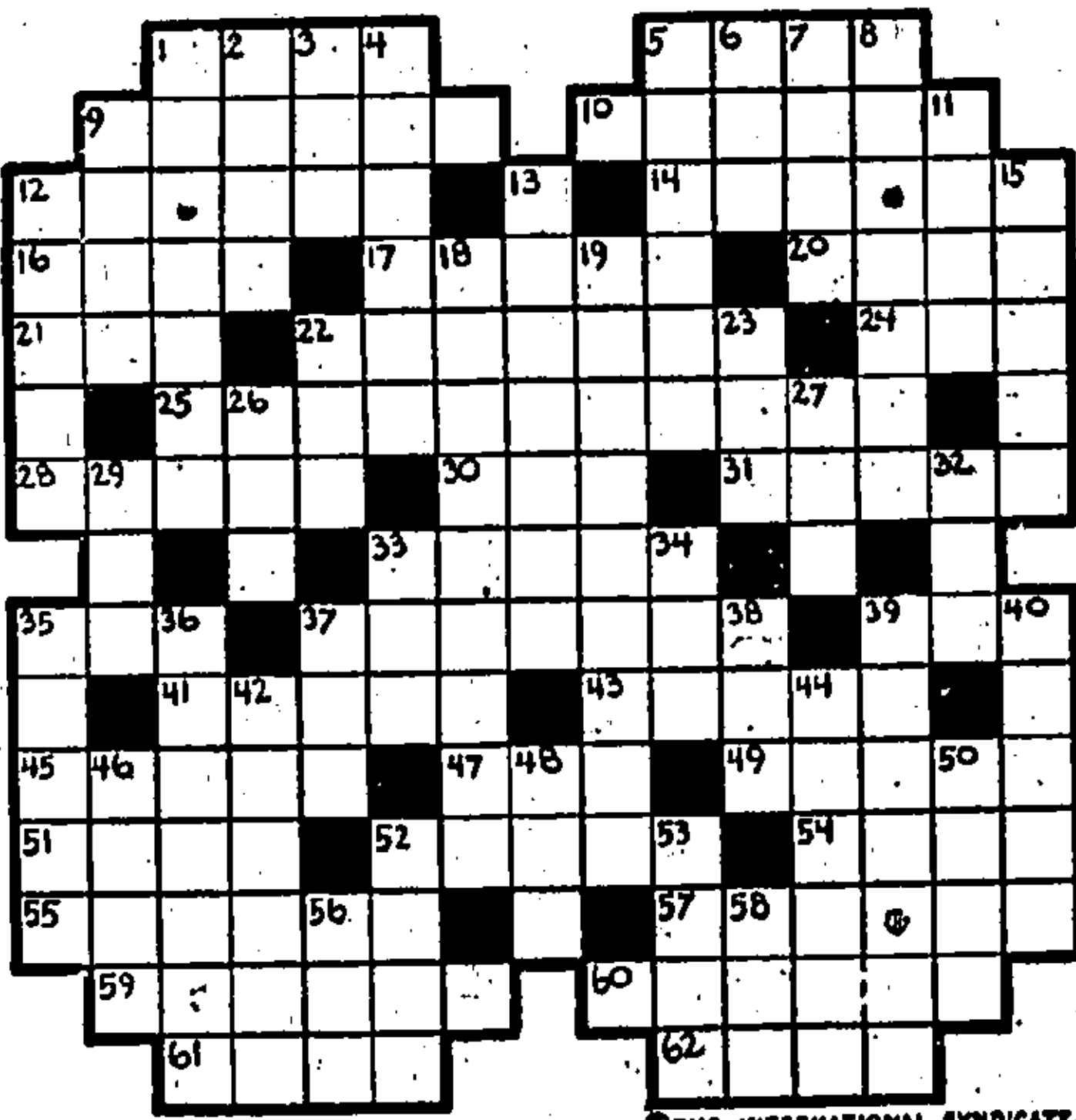
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plann, and altho.)



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|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>                                | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b>          | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b>              |
| 1-Member of one of the Slavonic groups of people | 51-Square of glass                 | 18-One who offers                    |
| 5-Beyond   | 52-Thin wire nails                 | 19-Warped                            |
| 9-Youngster (colloq.)                            | 53-Fashion                         | 22-Fish                              |
| 10-Caught the breath with difficulty             | 54-Evil deer                       | 23-Course part of flax               |
| 12-Gather up                                     | 57-Rocky ravines                   | 24-King                              |
| 14-British river                                 | 58-Intransitive                    | 27-Drude                             |
| 16-Eager   | 60-Anterior portion of the eyeball | 28-Share in Russia                   |
| 17-Short interval                                | 61-Well acquainted with books      | 32-Belt                              |
| 20-Spawn of the oyster                           | 62-That which is present           | 33-Man's name (short)                |
| 21-Perfect object                                |                                    | 34-Before                            |
| 22-Common garden berry                           |                                    | 35-Stinging insect                   |
| 24-Termination of adjectives                     | <b>VERTICAL</b>                    | 36-Wrench                            |
| 25-District attorneys                            | 1-Small crustacean (pl.)           | 37-French abbreviation for "Company" |
| 28-Administrated something nauseous              | 2-Go ashore                        | 38-Monarch's chair (pl.)             |
| 30-Appoint                                       | 4-Legal term meaning against       | 40-Sticks                            |
| 31-A liquid                                      | 5-Apparent                         | 41-Means of approach                 |
| 32-Contradict                                    | 6-Tree                             | 42-Constellation, the                |
| 33-Existed                                       | 7-Mineral springs                  | 43-Twins                             |
| 37-Critics                                       | 8-Hurricane                        | 44-Rested                            |
| 39-Apex  | 9-Lay by                           | 45-Front of an army                  |
| 41-Trouse  | 10-President of college faculty    | 46-Abstract principle                |
| 42-Whimpy  | 11-Measured                        | 47-Trained                           |
| 43-Cert  | 12-Bundles                         | 48-Native of Scotland                |
| 47-Fast before a saint's day                     | 13-To direct one's course          | 49-Greek letter                      |
| 49-Jocosity                                      |                                    | 50-Tile of Prince of Wales (abbr.)   |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



### HONG KONG HEIGHTS

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### STOCKHAUSEN

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#### SOME MEMORIES

(By Leonard Sichert)  
I have been reading a life of Stockhausen, written by his daughter, Frau Wirth. Although, perhaps, too long, there are very many interesting letters in it, and also many interesting opinions about singing, and music in general by Stockhausen himself. It is not, perhaps, generally known that he was probably the first artist to sing the songs of Schubert and Schumann in England, and, indeed, throughout his life he remained the acknowledged authority as an interpreter of the classical German songs.

But saying that a man is the greatest song singer of his time, bearing in mind the kind of songs in question, is tantamount to saying that he must have been one of the greatest singers of his age; for as Max Muller remarks in his preface to the Peters edition of the Schubert songs: "What Schubert calls a song cycle becomes (in his hands) a complete tragic opera, and as an etching often reaches greater heights than an oil painting, so anyone who has shared with me the privilege of hearing Jenny Lind sing the Schone Mullerin, or Stock-

He had one great and rare advantage in being bilingual. He was born in Paris, and spent the whole of his youth in France. Speaking about the difference between the French and German point of view in art, he says: "You (the French) have more patience, more perseverance in teaching the arts. You carry it to a greater perfection. We don't always do this in Germany. We have beautiful voices in our country, we have strong individualities in our theatres, but it is rare to find a singer who can even sing a mordent well, or an actor who speaks his own language purely. The German ... makes a parade of his dialect, often very faulty, even in singing. In France this would not be tolerated." Again, writing to his brother Franz, he says: "Germany is the country of chorus singers, and not that of soloists. In this country of Germany they haven't any idea of what is meant by 'travaillez une voix': the piano or the violin, yes, but not the voice."

### Billie Dove



The film star, who recently visited Paris.

### Poet's Ideal



Dolores Del Rio, the motion picture actress, whom Karl Vollmoeller, author of the allegorical pageant, "The Miracle," pronounced "the most beautiful woman living."

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Preference for German  
One would think that, being a singer, he would have preferred to remain in France and make his career there, since he had such a poor opinion of singing in Germany. Yet he had his reasons for preferring Germany. "Do you think," he writes in another letter, "that one can learn to sing German music and poetry well without a touch of romantic madness? No! Italian music, taken as music, away from the theatre, does not lead to contemplation and ecstasy; French music rarely; the language is not poetical, it is lacking in soul, the form alone is agreeable. The German language, on the contrary, less beautiful in form and hard to the ear, has words for the most intimate thoughts; join to this its beautiful rhythms, its richness, and its music, as poetical as the poets themselves, and there is something to kneel to. These are the reasons why I have had less success in France than in Germany, why I have a preference for this country when it is a question of giving concerts or of living there as a musician."

It is amusing to hear that at the age of 8 Stockhausen sang "Di tanti palpiti" to no less a person than Mme. Catalani—that he was in Paris during the '48 revolution and heard Lablache sing the "Marsellaise" at the Opera House. He notes, with admiration the astounding D which the great bass gave out in the refrain "Aux armes citoyens, formez vos bataillons." Whimsical, too, is the letter from Garcia, who on the

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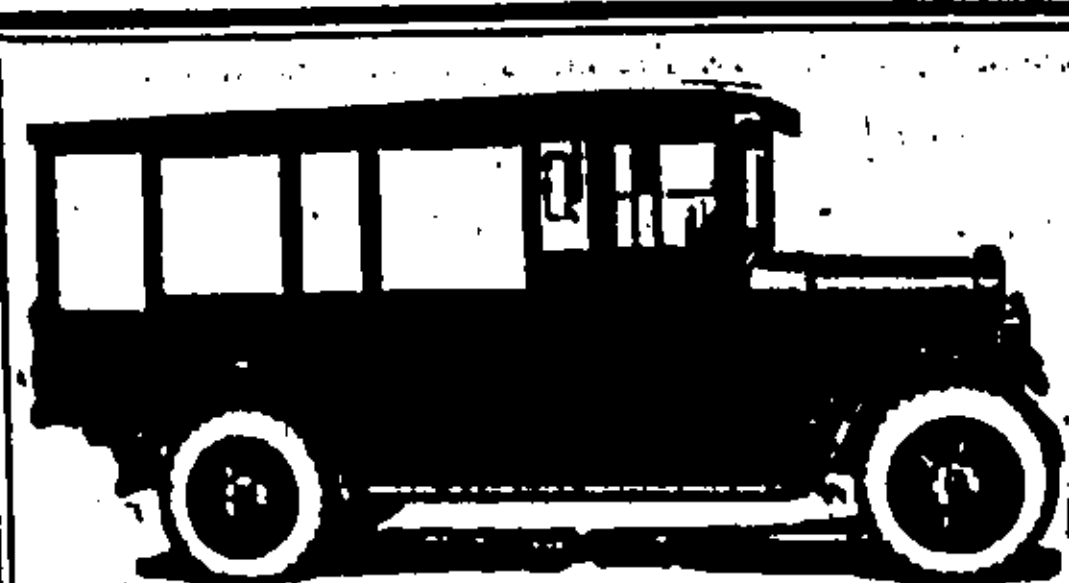
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### INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	12.	Pres. van Buren
Shanghai and Swatow	13.	Sinkiang
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers, London, 13th Dec., 1928)	14.	Tihsia
MONDAY, JANUARY	14.	
Straits and London (Parcel Mail, London, 22nd Nov.)	15.	Ningchow
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	16.	President Jefferson
Manila	17.	President McKinley
TUESDAY, JANUARY	17.	
Saloon	18.	Sphinx
Shanghai	19.	Athos II.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
FRIDAY, JANUARY	11.	
Sam Shui and Wuchow	4.30 p.m.	Tai Ming
Swatow	5 p.m.	Tean
Japan	5 p.m.	Kidderpore
Holhow and Bangkok	5 p.m.	Pronto
Amoy	5 p.m.	Fooksaang
Shanghai	6 p.m.	Emil Kirdorf
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 10th Feb. K.P.O. Registration (Jan. 11) 4.30 p.m. Letters (Jan. 12) 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration (Jan. 12) 8.45 a.m. Letters (Jan. 12) 9.30 a.m.		Atsuta Maru
SATURDAY, JANUARY	12.	
Haiphong	8.30 a.m.	Song Bo
Cebu	10.30 a.m.	Eumaeus
Fort Bayard	11.30 a.m.	Tai Poo Sek
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.		Kutsang
Saloon	3.30 p.m.	Yuan Jeng
Manila	5 p.m.	Pres. van Buren
Shanghai, Wei Hai Wei, Dainy & Europe via Siberia	6 p.m.	Kanchow
SUNDAY, JANUARY	13.	
Sandakan	8.30 a.m.	Mausang
Bangkok via Swatow	9 a.m.	Kiangsu
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	9 a.m.	Hozan Maru
MONDAY, JANUARY	14.	
Swatow	2.30 p.m.	Hydrangea
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 30th Feb. and Europe via Siberia. Parcels (Jan. 14) 5 p.m. Registration (Jan. 15) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Jan. 15) 10.30 a.m.		President, McKinley
TUESDAY, JANUARY	15.	
Amoy	1 p.m.	Sinkiang
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	1 p.m.	Haiching

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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### "CLEVEREST" FORGER GETS 5 YEARS

IN SOUTH AFRICA  
DESCRIBED AS THE "MOST WONDERFUL PENMAN"

WOMAN ACCOMPLICE

The cleverest forger in the criminal history of South Africa has been sent to prison for five years at the Rand Criminal Sessions.

He is Walter Edward Liebetroux—the "most wonderful penman" in the 40 years' experience of Mr. A. S. Benson, handwriting expert—whose natural gifts permit him to write three different "hands" and to reproduce faultlessly any signature, either by tracing or freehand.

He was found guilty of forging seventeen cheques, seven applications for cheque books and one for the return of used cheques on city banks. The woman with whom he lived was convicted on one count of uttering a forged implement and of the theft of a cheque. On this latter charge Liebetroux was also found guilty. "You are a clever forger, and from the evidence it is clear that for the last four months you were a professional forger," said Mr. Justice Tiddall to Liebetroux. "You are a danger to the community, and the only thing to do to you is to send you away for a long period. The sentence is five years' hard labour."

The woman was sentenced to six months' hard labour. The jury had stated that they considered her Liebetroux's tool, and the judge said that he took that into consideration. She smiled broadly when sentence was passed. The jury found her not guilty of the other twenty-eight counts of forgery and uttering on which she was jointly charged with Liebetroux.

### WHAT WAS FOUND

MUNITIONS IN A PASSENGER'S LUGGAGE

LENIENT SENTENCE

A Chinese passenger from America, who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with being in possession of two Luger pistols, one revolver, seven magazines and 300 rounds of ammunition was convicted and a fine of \$1,000 or 18 months' hard labour in default, was imposed.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton and Major C. Willson sat together to hear the case.

Detective Sub-Inspector Dorling said that at 7 p.m. on December 31 the "President Tait" arrived and berthed at No. 5 wharf, Kowloon Go-down. The two wooden boxes, which the defendant claimed to be his, were opened in the presence of the defendant. The weapons were concealed in the sides of the boxes

### PRISON FOR LODGE OFFICIAL

AN EX-OFFICER  
ODDFELLOW EXECUTIVE GETS 12 MONTHS

FORGERY PROVED

After having had his trial postponed to allow him to attend the funeral of his child, Douglas Griffiths (33), pleaded "Guilty" at Lewes Assizes to charges of forgery as an officer of the Royal Adelaide Lodge of Oddfellows at Hastings, and was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

It was alleged that Griffiths drew cheques amounting to £170 for dental benefits which were never given. Accused, it was stated, had been a lieutenant in the Army. He was convicted at Market Harborough of stealing money while employed at the Ministry of Labour, and of embezzlement in the Congo, in consequence of which he was removed from the Army.

### AFGHANISTAN

SPLENDID WORK BY THE AIR FORCE

THE FIGHTING

New Delhi, Yesterday.

It is announced that the Royal Air Force has evacuated altogether 132 persons by air from Kabul. An aeroplane yesterday flew from Peshawar to Kabul and back with mails as all telegraphs to Afghanistan have been cut. Permission has been given for a weekly air mail service from India to Kabul.

No further news has been received of the fighting in Afghanistan except that the rebels appear to retain the superior position in the attack near Kabul.—Reuter.

### "AN ACCESSORY"

WOMAN FINED \$500 OR SIX MONTHS'

POSSESSION OF MUNITIONS

The result of a raid, made at No. 44, Nam Chong-street on Dec. 27, led to the appearance of a woman at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of being in possession of two revolvers and ten rounds of ammunition.

After evidence was given by Detective Sergeant O'Donovan, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the magistrate, said that the woman was no doubt an accessory before the fact, but not the principal. Under those circumstances he would fine her \$500 or six months' imprisonment in default.

and so were some dum dum bullets.

In passing sentence, Mr. Hamilton said that the Court regarded the case as serious, but in view of his age and his apparent ill-health they were inclined to take a lenient view. The defendant was therefore given the option of a fine.

### COAL INSTEAD OF DIAMONDS

REGISTERED POST  
SURPRISE SUBSTITUTION IN \$9,000 THEFT

LONDON FIRM'S LOSS

An amazing theft of diamonds worth \$9,000, which were sent from London to Tunis on December 1, came to light recently.

When the parcel reached Tunis it was discovered that small pieces of coal had been substituted for the diamonds.

The jewels were despatched by Messrs. Harry Morser and Co., of Hatton-square.

A member of the firm told a newspaper representative that the stones were sent off by registered post, packed in the usual cardboard box with wadding.

"They did not arrive to time, and beyond that we do not know what happened," he added.

It is understood that the substitution was found out in Tunis, the theft being immediately notified to Messrs. Morser, who informed the postal authorities and Scotland Yard.

The authorities are convinced that the exchange was effected in Paris. It is certain that the packet left this country intact.

Mr. Morser himself is at present in Paris inquiring into the loss, and inquiries are also being pursued by insurance companies both in London and France.

The substitution by expert thieves of coal for diamonds has been frequently carried out.

### MORE SERIOUS

ANTI-JAPANESE FEELING AT HANKOW

AGITATION INCREASES

Hankow, Yesterday. The anti-Japanese situation is growing more serious. Following the reported beating up by Japanese Marines of one of the Chinese distributors of leaflets arrested yesterday, (alleged to be the brother of the coolie killed by the Japanese naval cyclist patrol), officials of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and of the Japanese Consulate have been continually in conference with regard to the situation.

Meanwhile, the anti-Japanese agitation is increasing. The mob seems to be working up to a frenzy and some of the Chinese servants and office workers employed by Japanese have ceased work but the majority are standing fast.

All the Chinese wharf coolies employed by Japanese firms are on strike.—Reuter.

### LADY MISSIONARY

MISS GERTRUDE HOWE PASSES AWAY

FIFTY-SIX YEARS' WORK

Nanchang, Ki., Dec. 29. Miss Gertrude Howe, for 56 years a missionary in the Yangtze Valley, passed peacefully away at the home of Dr. Ida Kahn, her adopted daughter, about seven o'clock this morning. On the 26th she had been taken with a fainting spell, but apparently was recovering, and the end came quite unexpectedly. A service was held this afternoon in the Women's and Children's Hospital Chapel, but arrangements for burial have not been made and the regular funeral service will not be held until then. This afternoon's service, entirely in Chinese, was very simple and very impressive. The Chinese coffin was placed in the centre of the platform, and at the back of the coffin, in their mourning dress of white sackcloth, knelt her adopted daughters, Dr. Ida Kahn and Mrs. Julia Cheng. There were no flowers, but wreaths of evergreen were placed about the coffin and in the windows. The service of song and prayer was led by the Rev. S. C. Wang who also paid tribute to her record of remarkable accomplishment in her more than half-century of service. In spite of the fact that no public notice of the service had been made, the hall was crowded with foreign and Chinese friends.

Her residence was in Nanchang. Miss Howe was born in 1864. Her home was in Lansing, Michigan.



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PROF. OTTO HARTRATH  
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AT THE  
**QUEEN'S** TO-DAY & TO-MORROW  
AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

DANCING MASTER—TAXI DRIVER—BOXER—LOVER—HERO  
—FAINTHEART—VICTOR! BUT ABOVE ALL, A FIGHTER  
WITH A FIGHTER'S HEART!

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**ON YOUR TOES**

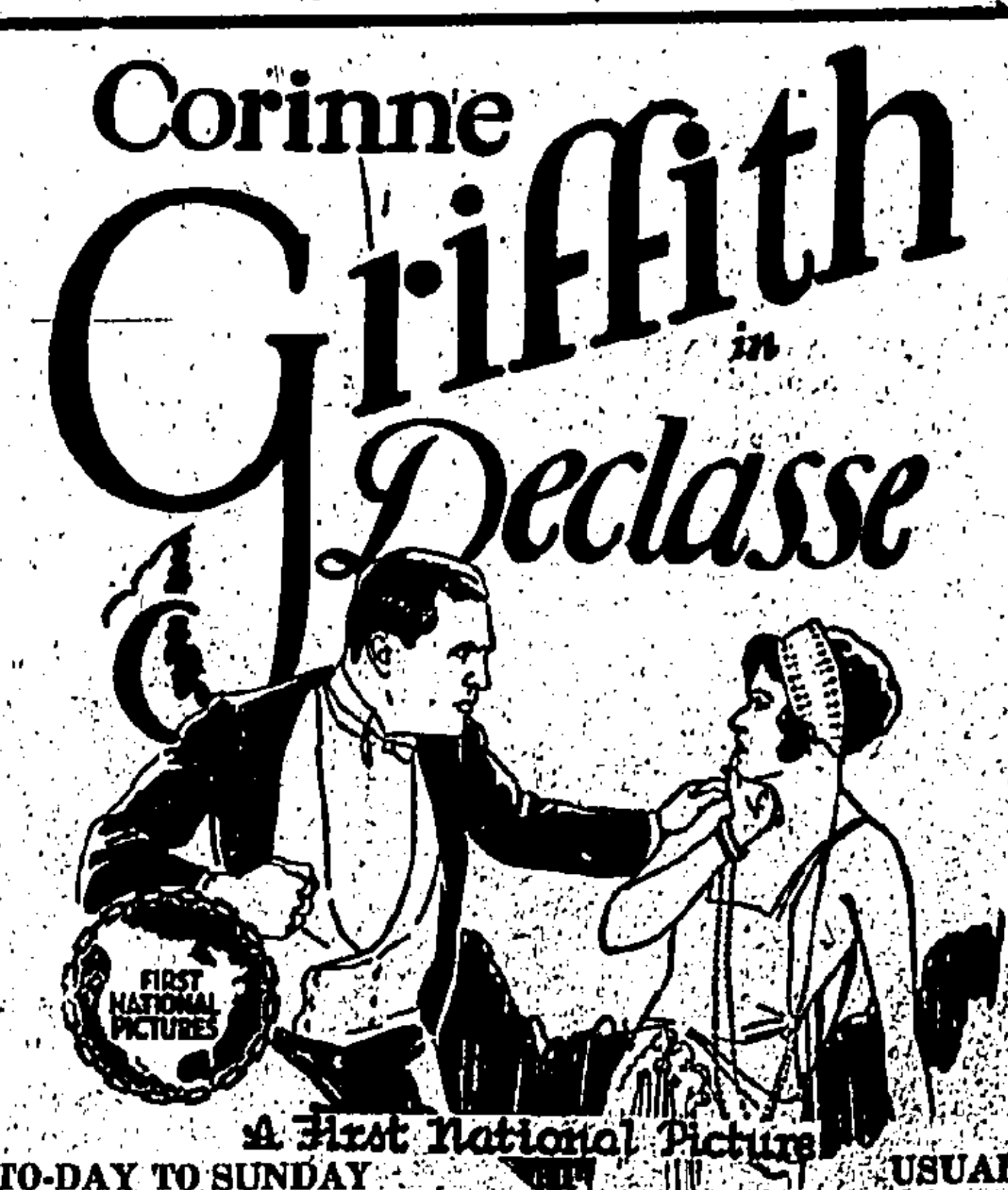
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At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.20.

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AT THE  
**STAR** TO-DAY & TO-MORROW  
At 5.15 & 9.20.



TO-DAY TO SUNDAY  
at 5.20 & 9.15 p.m. with Orchestra  
2.30 & 7.15 p.m. with interpreter.

## MAJESTIC

NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON

an, and she came to China in 1872. Except for two years in Szechuan she had spent all her time in Kiangsi, first in Kiukiang and then in Nanchang. She started the Ruifon High School at Kiukiang 55 years ago, but her peculiar and remarkable contribution was in the children she adopted and educated. Dr. Ida Kahn of Nanchang and Dr. Mary Stone of Shanghai were among the very first Chinese women to be educated abroad and their service in pioneering modern medical practice cannot be overestimated. Mrs. Hwang Yung-hang, wife of the former minister to Austria, a woman of influence now residing in Pientain, is another of her daughters. Mrs. Julia Cheng has served the church effectively for many years as an evangelist, and youngest of her protégées, Miss Honore Wang, is a kindergarten teacher at Nanking. The first wife of the Rev. Tai Teh-kao of Kiukiang was also one of her family. In addition to this she undertook the education of three boys, Chou Tai-yung, Chou Yung-peng, and Wei Tiao. Of these Mr. Chou Tai-yung is still living; he was the first Kiangsi returned student and has held many important posts. During the period of Communism. In 1904, 24 years ago, Miss Howe came to Nanchang with Dr. Kahn and has since that time worked with her in building up the Women's and Children's Hospital, which is known everywhere as "Dr. Kahn's Hospital." During the last two years of fighting, anti-foreign agitation and communism she remained in Nanchang; the only Protestant missionary during part of that time to stay in the city. She was, until a few years ago, alert and active, and it has been the regret of all who have known her only in these later years that they could not have known her in her young days. "N. C. D. N." correspondent.

The 1st Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, with families, were expected to arrive here to-day at 2 p.m. on the troopship "City of Marseilles" from Egypt. The vessel is to berth at No. 5 wharf, Kowloon, when the Battalion will disembark for Shanghai en route.